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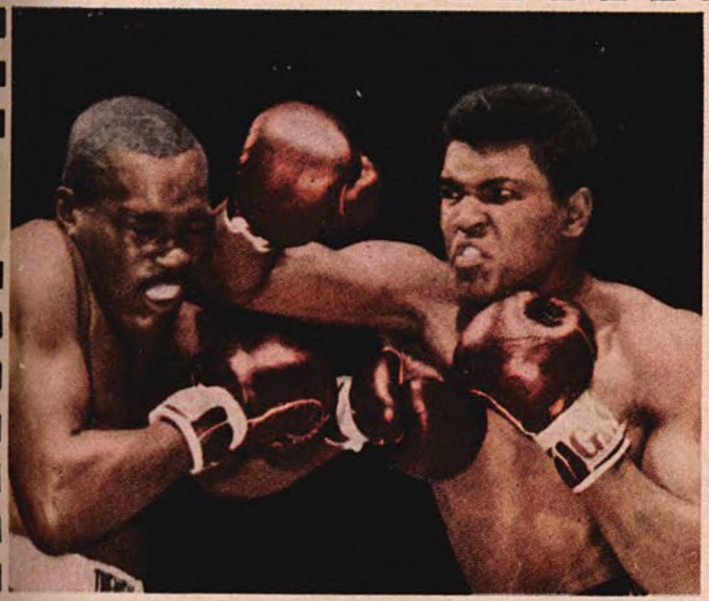

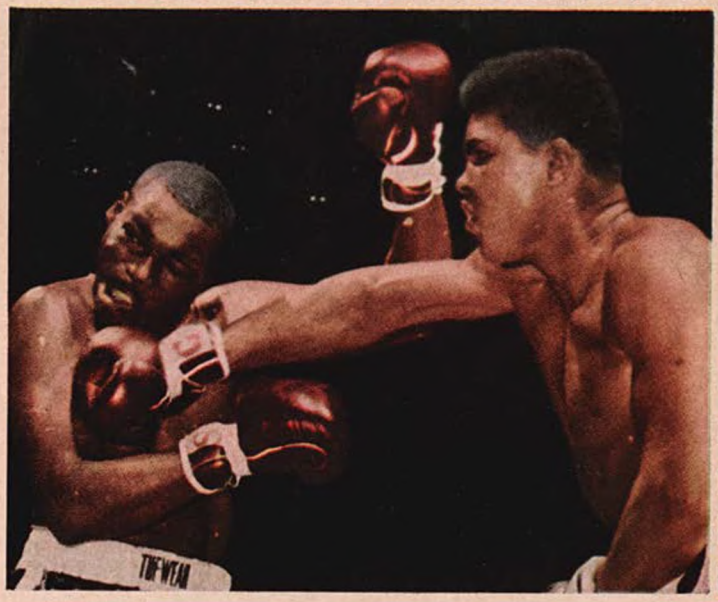

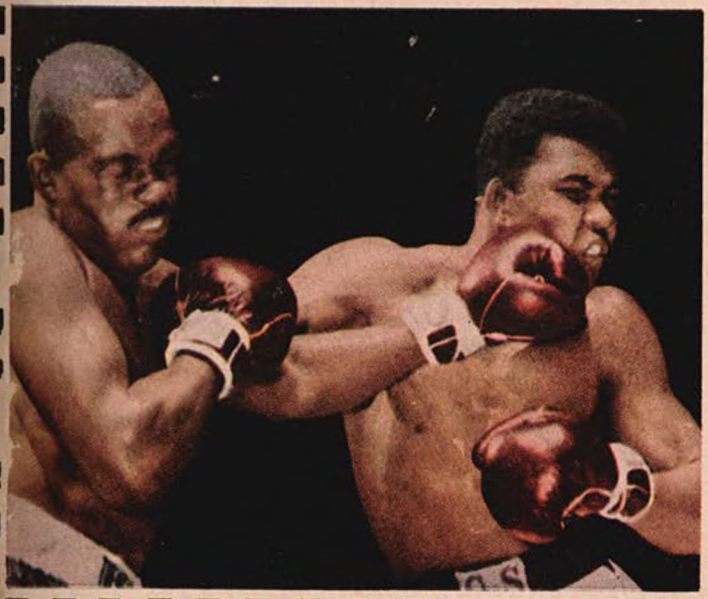

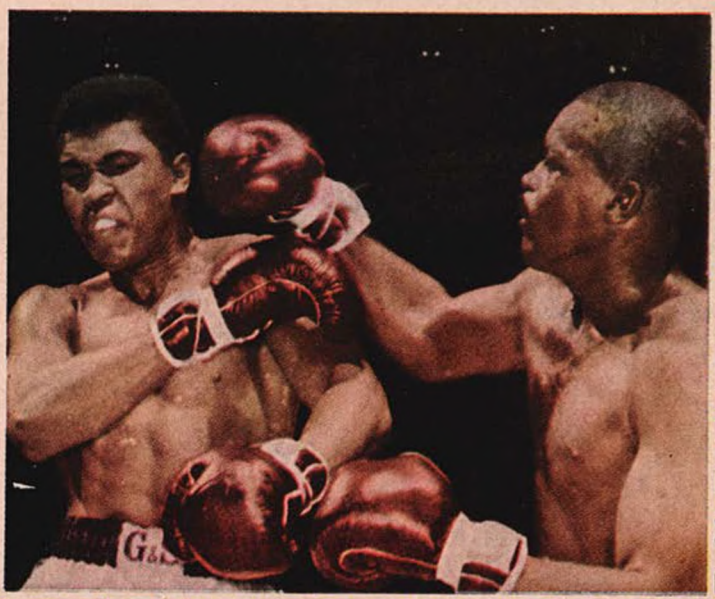

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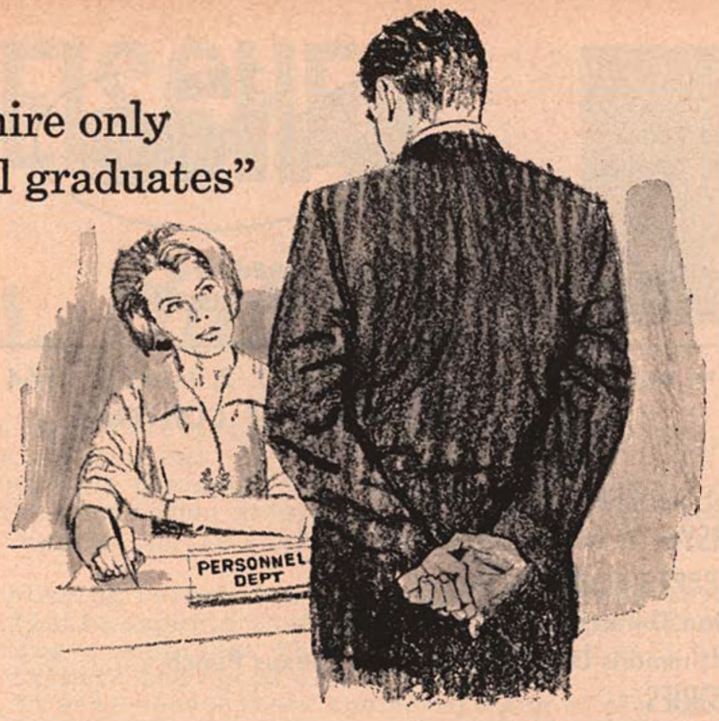

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Speaks Out!!!

Will boxing survive with television knocked out of the living room? Our answer is "yes". It will gain momentum.

With the announcement that the American Broadcasting Company has decided to discontinue the Friday night shows when it's contract with Gillette terminates in September, promoters will regain public confidence in boxing with shows which will draw at the gate.

Those who have been blaming television for boxing's plight welcome the news.

It is the opinion of fistic experts that the decision of the ABC network to drop boxing will strengthen boxing's position. They believe that it will bring about a rejuvenation that may approximate the "good old days."

This will take time. It will necessitate the rebuilding of the small clubs, the development of new talent, and matchmaking that will pair the fighters on ability.

Favoritism and discrimination will have to be done away with. Boxers, minus their dependence on the big fees paid by the TV sponsor, will be forced to depend on ability and popularity to draw live attendances for their financial returns.

The ABC announcement stunned those who have been accustomed to viewing the Gillette fights on home screens, but such action was long predicted.

Madison Square Garden, for many years the leading arena for world boxing, in 1963 had an average attendance of only 3700 and its 25 shows drew only $205,782. Of those 25, three drew a total of $176,285.

In those Cassius Clay faced Doug Jones, Joey Archer clashed with Ruben Carter and Emile Griffith fought Luis Rodriguez for the welter title.

Those three indicated clearly that if given matches with outstanding fighters, regardless of television, the public will attend in large numbers.

Minus television the Garden will be confronted with a tremendous problem, but not one that cannot be solved. In a recent interview on TV, Teddy Brenner, matchmaker of the Garden, declared that it is the intention of the boxing department, of which Harry Markson is head, to open gymnasiums in New York and other cities, hire the best trainers and teachers of boxing and use these boxers in it's shows.

Those who make good will do their fighting under the management of men hired by the Garden.

This follows the plan originated by Mike Jacobs many years ago when he converted the top floor of the Garden into a gymnasium and had the leading boxers train there. There Jack Sharkey trained for several of his bouts. However, Garden directors found the space too valuable to be given over to training and closed the gym.

Payments from TV have been a primary source of income for many fighters. The heyday of television boxing came in its early days, especially in contests in which Joe Louis figured. His title defenses against Jersey Joe Walcott brought a deluge of sales of TV sets.

The ABC decision was made by the network and not by Gillette, which is satisfied to continue if it could obtain the necessary time from any network. However, on September 24, the Garden fights on TV will end and the House that Tex Rickard built will have to fall back on fan interest and the live gate.

Its success depends on the calibre of fights, the use of colorful boxers and the development of neighborhood talent. With old time ring rivalry revived, the curtailing of demands for huge guarantees and the return of big time matches, the New York institution should be able to carry on despite the elimination of television.

The sport will prosper. Boxing has had its ups-and-downs but it will survive long after the present generation is gone. Neighborhood clubs will revive. There will be an increase in talent and with it will come better matches. Fans and promoters will be better off.

The loss of TV money to the major boxers will hurt. But in the long run we will gain by the development of new talent, which television has failed to yield due to the repeated use of favored boxers controlled by favored managers.

For the first time in two decades, the game will be forced to stand or fall on its own merits. The emphasis no longer will be on the association the fighter and

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Patterson and Amonti shake hands when they meet at the weigh-in. At Floyd's right is Jan Eriksson of the Swedish Boxing Commission. The fight drew a sellout crowd, and a gate of $125,000. Patterson proved that he is still a big attraction outside of the USA.

Patterson Plans No Fights in "Antagonistic" USA

By CHARLEY PARRISH

Former champion's eight round performance against Amonti fails to impress even loser

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN (Special Correspondence of The Ring)—Well, Floyd Patterson, former heavyweight champion of the world, isn't quite a ham and egger. Not after his eighth round knockout of Sante Amonti, king of all the heavies of Italy, Naples, Sardinia, Sicily and Calabria.

Not that stopping the king of Italy, etc. is to be regarded as a feat. Not that Patterson looked like the fighter he was before Sonny Liston belted him out pronto twice in murderous succession.

But there was about Floyd an air of gentility, which showed beneath the rustiness which had accumulated since his second catastrophe against Liston. Patterson will have to be watched closely for further developments.

Before going into details of the soiree in the Johanneshov Stadium, with 11,700 students of the manly art shelling out $120,000, let us examine Patterson for evidences of planning his future.

Interviewed in a somewhat gay mood after the fight, which was stopped by referee Andy Smythe, of Belfast, in 2 min. 25 seconds of the eighth round, Patterson abandoned his previous demand for a third engagement with Liston.

"I am not ready for another title fight, not yet," the American announced. "I need six or seven more fights with worthy opponents, and maybe then I will be in a position to ask for another title engagement."

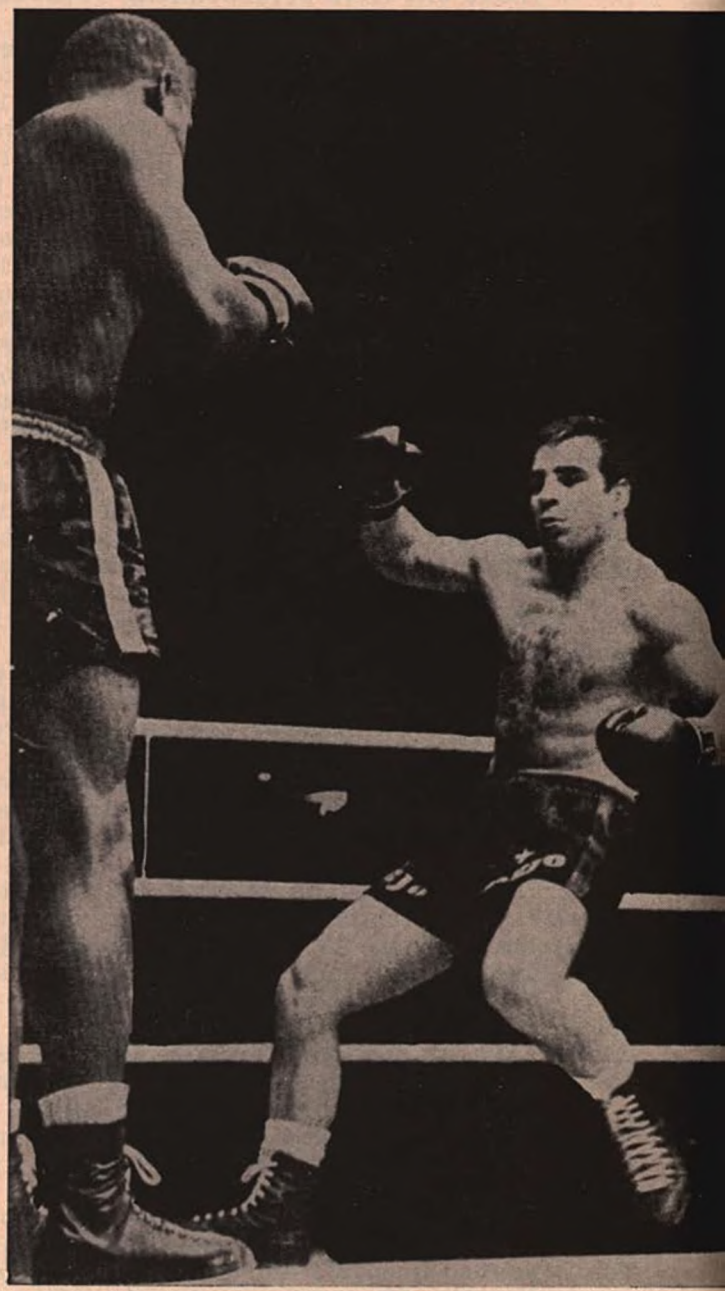
When Patterson was invited to draw up a list of six or seven "worthy opponents" he appeared to be at a loss.

Patterson was all modesty. When he was asked to rate the top ten heavyweights he replied that he considered himself No. 10 and Cassius Clay No. 1 behind Sonny.

"After this fight I may be nine and a half in The Ring Magazine's ratings," Floyd added, not minus a smile.

When he was asked if he would have his next fight in the United States, Patterson replied, swiftly, "No, certainly not." However, he did not indicate that he was ready to settle down in Sweden, where he is a big favorite.

Patterson's aversion to fighting in the USA, where he made almost all the important money *(Continued on page 48)*



Amonti staggers towards the ropes after being hit with a flurry of punches moments before the fight was halted in the eighth round. Floyd was in complete command from start to finish of the great Battle of Stockholm.

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Clay is aggressive not only with his talk but with action in the ring. Above photo shows him carrying the attack to Moore and breaking through Archie's guard to land a solid right to the jaw. Clay's four round kayo of Moore lifted him into a contender's spot.

A POLL conducted by The Ring Magazine among fight experts on the approaching contest between Sonny Liston and Cassius Clay reveals the expected preponderance of support for the defending champion.

However, there is some backing for Clay, but with reservations. There also is some obvious fence straddling.

The general impression is that Liston will prove too strong, too powerful a puncher, too formidable a fighter all the way for the Louisville boxer.

The dopesters take cognizance of Clay's superior speed and some of them believe this factor will figure in keeping him in the ring somewhat longer than it was occupied by Floyd Patterson in his two very brief meetings with Sonnyboy.

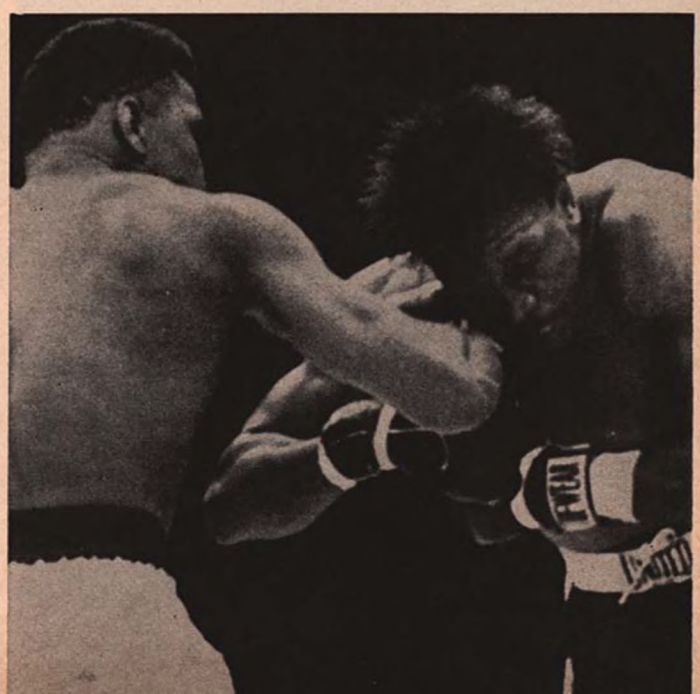
There is, too, recognition of the youth factor in Clay's favor. Some of the pollsters point out that with age and speed going for the Olympic champion, he may be able to prolong the fight to a point at which Liston will feel the physical impacts of these Clay advantages and tire badly.

The poll shows Liston predicting victory before the fourth round, and Clay seeing the title pass to him in the eighth.

Nobody approached by The Ring Magazine predicted a Clay success by a knockout.

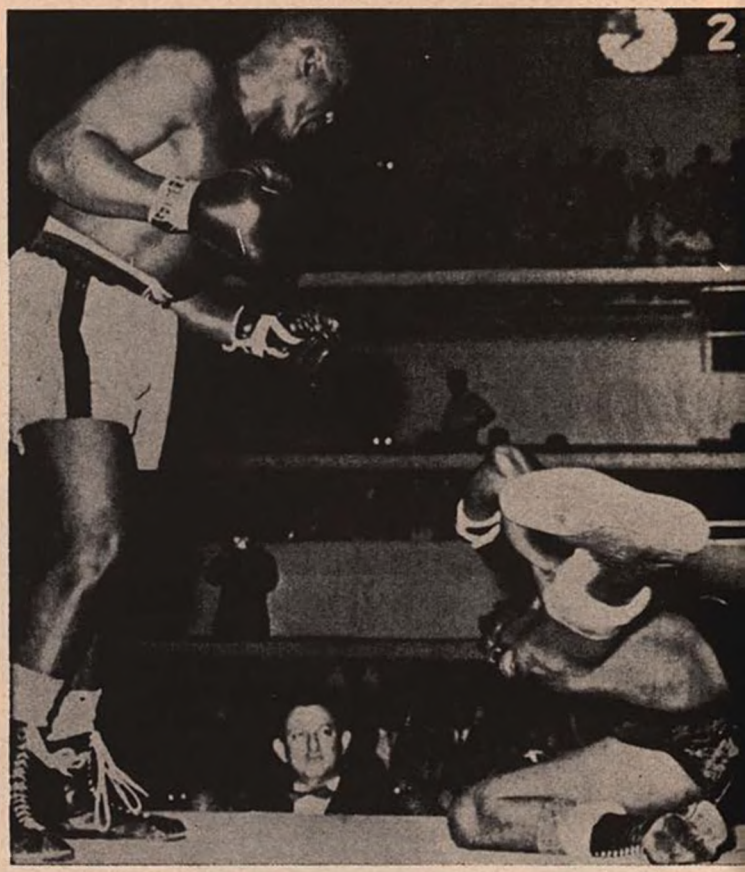
Nobody predicted Clay's disappearance as quickly as Patterson made his exit in both of his jousts with the Bear.

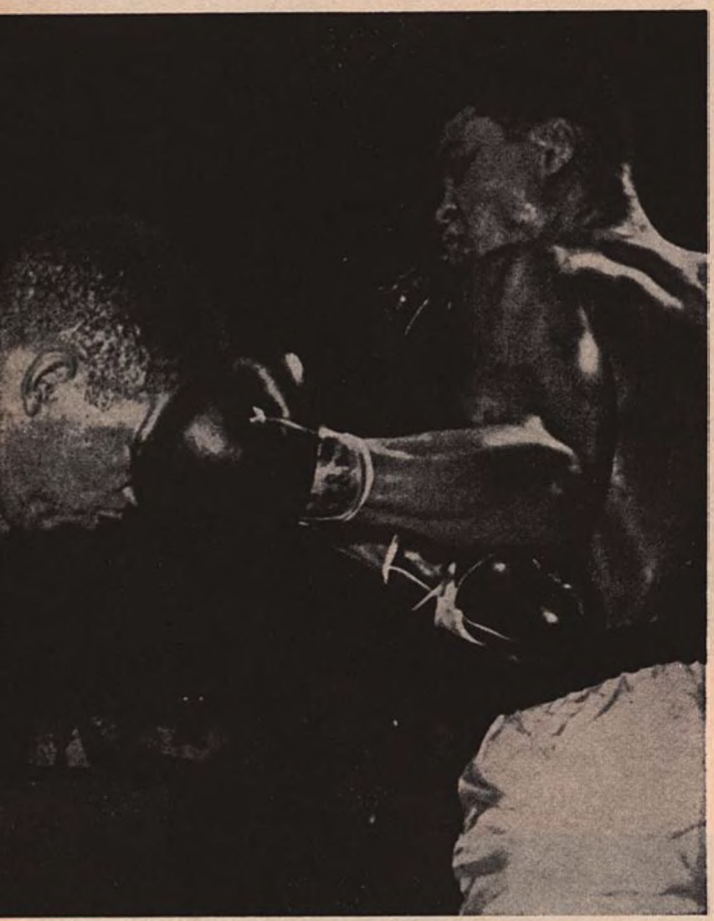
The speed and perfect form of Liston in throwing a right cross is emphasized as this photo attests. Sonny is right on target to Patterson's jaw in their second meeting last summer in Las Vegas. This angle shot from above the action shows how clearly Sonny's right hit the mark.



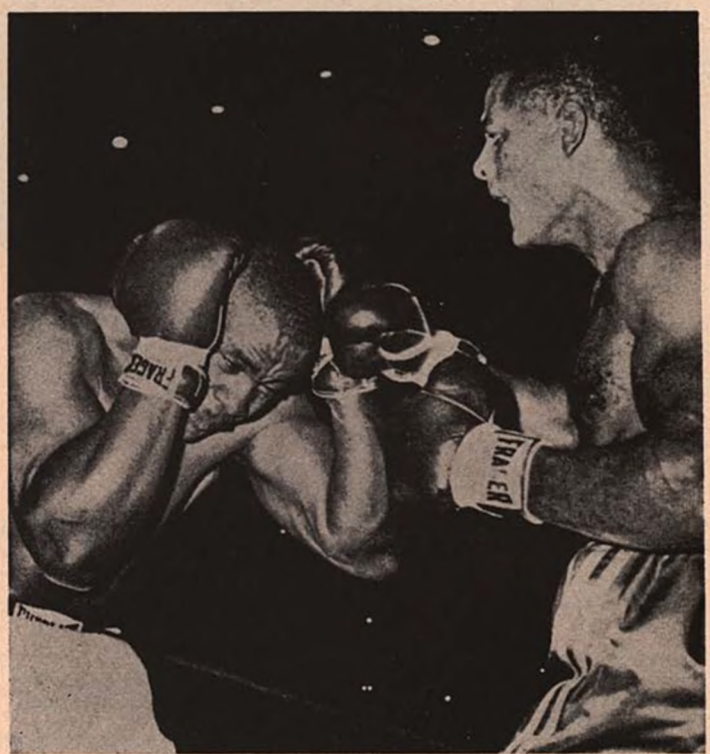
Cassius has speed and power in his right hand. Here he lands with telling effect on the jaw of Charlie Powell, sending the ex-footballer into dreamland in the third round at Pittsburgh.

The power of Liston's left hook is clean. Howard King goes down hard after sampling the TNT dose in the Miami Beach bout with Sonny two years ago. Liston has the power to knock out an opponent with either hand.

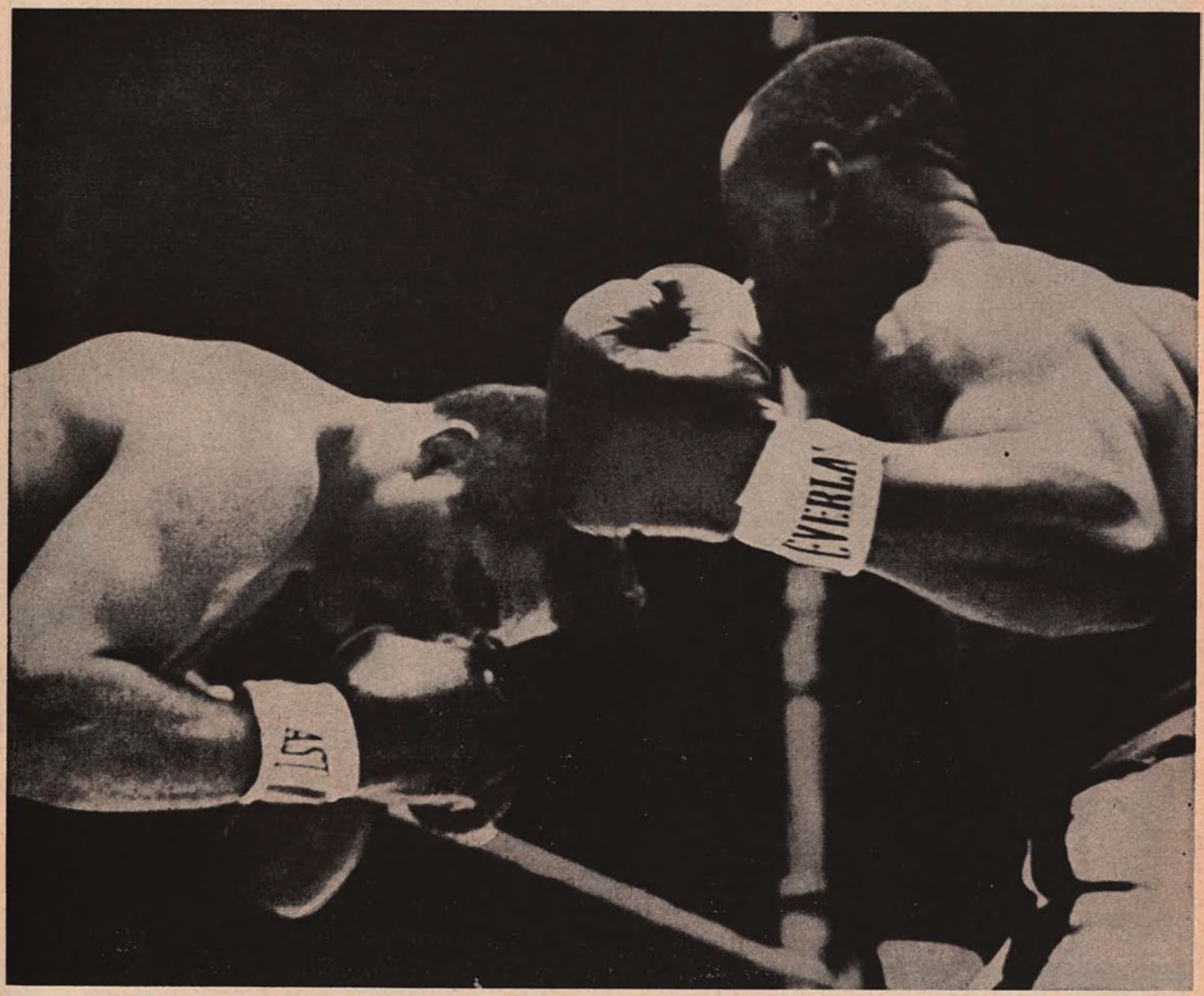




Clay, like Liston, is a two handed fighter. He used his left both as a jab and a hook in his victory over Billy Daniels in New York in 1962, when he stopped Daniels on a cut eye. Cassius is taller and ranger than the champion and will hope to combine these advantages with his superior speed to gain the crown.



Sonny showed his ability to handle a clever boxer when he kayoed Zora Folley in the third round in Denver in 1960. In the above photo Liston gives his version of the "Peek-A-Boo" Defense as Folley leads with his right.



Liston used his right to dispatch Patterson in their second fight, but it was the left hook that gained the crown for Sonny. Here it is about to land on the Patterson chin.

CLAY MAY TIRE SONNYBOY

By Dan Daniel
Of the Ring Staff

A cold summary of the Liston-Clay situation leads down a dozen avenues to a conclusion labelled "Sonnyboy."

However, we know that when two men weighing better than 200 pounds each begin swinging at each other the result sometimes is utterly fantastic. There is no telling when a red hot favorite like Dempsey will be knocked out of the ring by an untutored Firpo.

Nor is there any certainty that a Schmeling who has stopped Louis won't be knocked out by Louis in less than three minutes.

There is no doubt that all the predictions on this fight are colored by Liston's pair of one round stoppages of Patterson.

We bypass Liston's long fiight with Machen. We forget that Cleve Williams busted Liston's nose. We also forget that Liston is human.

I think that Liston is slow. I know that Clay is fast. Will Cassius get on his bicycle and plague the champion? Will The Lip take advantage of his greater speed and youth to play the buzzing, pestiferous bee to Liston's ponderous, formidable elephant? Can Clay get Liston angry and incautious?

There are ever so many answers in this fight. Sure, Liston will enter the ring a tremendous favorite. But favorites, powerful favorites, have been beaten. One fumble could mean the game, one wild shot could turn the tide, one fortunate pass could mean success.

I wish Clay had waited a year. But here we are, and don't let it be said that there is absolutely no reason for putting on this fight.

TWO, MAYBE THREE,—LISTON

By Sonny Liston
Heavyweight Champion

There is no reason to believe that Clay will be around to answer the bell for the fourth round. He is a nice boy, on a man's errand.

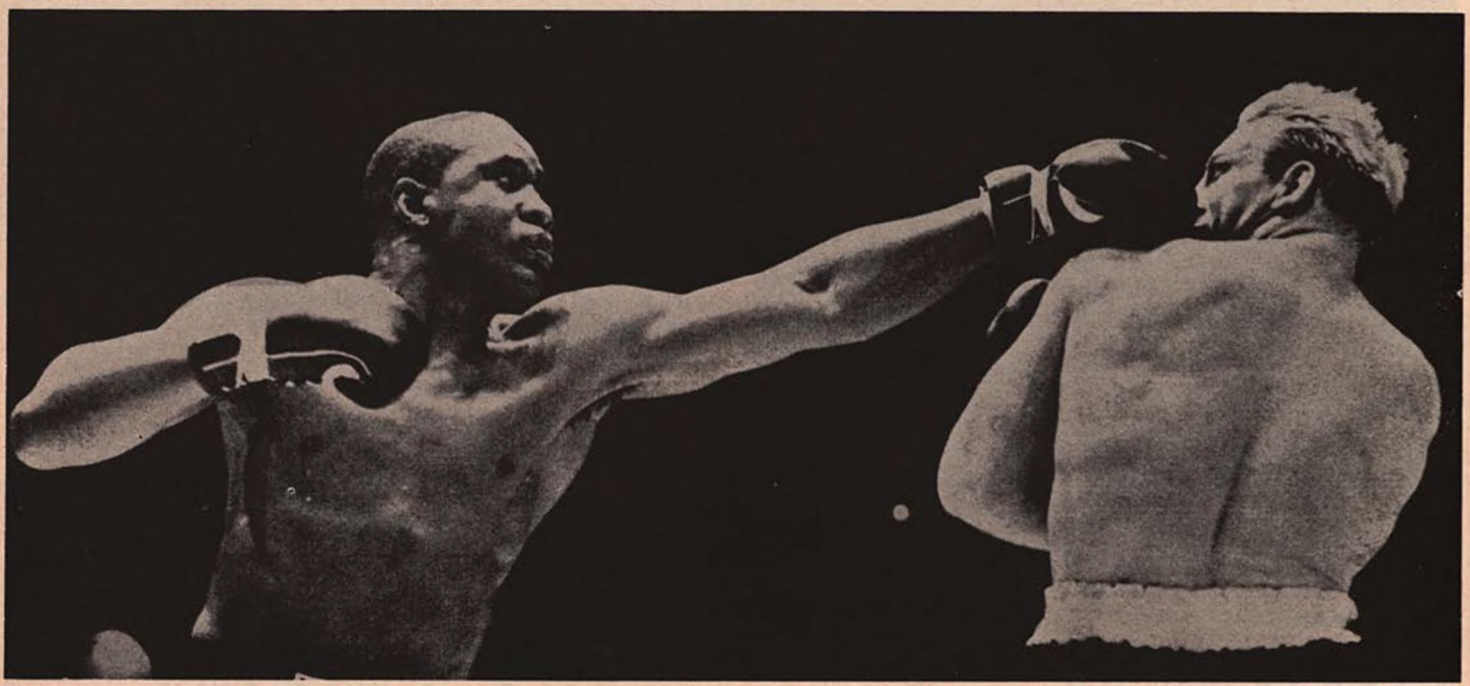
It should not go past two, but it may last three rounds.

I have made a bet with a friend of mine, a wrist watch, that I will not have to fight more than eight or nine minutes.

By Cassius Clay
Heavyweight Challenger

I am calling this one in eight. If he keeps up his jive, he will exit in five. The defending champion is too slow.

Clay has had to prove he could take a punch as well as dish it out. In his bout with Henry Cooper he was floored and battered in the fourth round, but came back to stop the Britisher in the fifth. Just as he had predicted he would. Clay's speed makes him hard to trap in corners or against the ropes, where Liston did Patterson in twice.



What many overlook is that Sonny has a fine left jab. While not too fast it packs a wallop as can be noted by its effect landing on the face of Albert Westphal. Liston's jab is compared with the one possessed by Joe Louis, having the power to knock a man off his feet.

CASSIUS HATH A LEAN LOOK

By Nat Fleischer
Editor of Ring Magazine

Clay, whose constant cries "I am the greatest" have kept boxing in the spotlight during the past year, can have few supporters.

The world champion is a hot favorite, an "out" so far as wagering is concerned.

However, the Louisville Lip must be given some consideration because of his courage, his faith in his ability and his speed.

Those who think that Clay is a setup, should have a look at the contest in Pittsburgh in which Ezzard Charles, a sure thing, lost his championship to Jersey Joe Walcott in the surprise fight of the year; the knockout of Joe Louis by Max Schmeling in their first contest; the knockdown of Jack Dempsey by Luis Firpo in a bout that almost cost Manassa Jack the world title; and the surprise when Dempsey knocked out big Fred Fulton in seconds.

The surprise element is the only thing that may favor young Cassius. If he can stay away from the tremendous fists of Liston, he may well enter the upset list with a decision over Sonny. The probability, however, is that such an eventuality will not take place.

Although Clay faces his opponent with a clean slate, the fact remains that in all of his contests he has failed to exhibit power.

Given another year's time, in which to gain additional experience and to build up his punch Clay might have a chance to gain the title. But at this stage, I cannot conceive wherein he possesses sufficient of the assets required to dethrone the champion.

It is my opinoin that when Sonny loses his crown it will be to a heavyweight who possesses skill combined with hitting power, and not merely the skill which we know Clay has.

SCORE ONE FOR JUMBO

By Jersey Jones
Of the Ring Staff

It will be the Elephant vs. the Gazelle, and while the Gazelle admittedly has the speed it is doubtful if it has the stamina, the endurance, to stay in front of the Elephant for any protracted distance.

Sooner or later, Liston figures to catch up to Clay, and when he does, that should be the finish. Physically, there isn't much difference between the rivals. Clay is a bit taller, and will probably weigh as much as Liston. But he is built along frail, delicate lines, and lacks the brute strength and power of the champion.

Liston has proved he can absorb a heavy punch; Clay has not. In fact, Cassius has been staggered, and even knocked down, by opponents who hardly rate with Liston in punching authority.

One good left hook from Liston could, and should, spill Clay for the full count. It may happen as early as the first round, but if Clay uses his speed to stay away from Liston, the affair may last as long as five or six rounds. We doubt if it'll last any longer.

By Bill McCormick
NEA Fight Expert

Because he has failed to develop his natural talents, Clay isn't as good a fighter as Patterson, yet he should give Liston a better run for the money than Floyd did.

Clay won't walk in with eyes closed, as Patterson did. When Cassius gets hit he'll run for cover (if the punch doesn't break both his legs). Clay should go several rounds with the champion before a solid punch catches up with him. This should happen somewhere about the fourth or fifth round.

It has to be the most bloodless battle ever fought. Clay won't puncture Sonny and when Liston connects with the Lip there won't be any blood,—just a blob.

CASSIUS HAS WEAK CHIN

By Lew Eskin
Of the Ring Staff

If Clay lasts much longer than Floyd Patterson did against Liston, I will be surprised. In his fights against Doug Jones, Sonny Banks and Henry Cooper it was proved emphatically that Cassius could be hit and hurt.

None of those men hit with the speed or power of the champion. While he is much bigger and stronger than Patterson the Lip does not have the experience and will have trouble in keeping Liston from landing. When Sonny lands, the light will go out for Cassius.

If Clay were willing to wait another year or so to pick up experience he would have a good chance against Liston. But with his limited history he is doomed.

Cassius, like Patterson, has pride and will not run. Therefore he will fall in one.

I close with apologies for using Clay's weapon of bad poetry against him. I acknowledge his copyright, with reverse English.

CASSIUS EXITS EARLY

By Lester Bromberg
New York World-Telegram Expert

The Liston-Clay fight will follow the pattern of the two Liston-Patterson affairs. There will be one slight difference. This one will go somewhat longer. It will last almost the entire first round.

They will feel each other out for a minute, and then Liston will deliver a few rib roasters.

Toward the close of the round there will be two left hooks, and Clay will be carried to his corner. The time? 2:52.

REFEREE CAN'T SEE LIP

By Harold Valan
New York and New Jersey Referee

Clay is away over his head in this fight. He is fortunate that circumstances have developed his shot for the title. But he is no more formidable an aspirant than Patterson was when he tried to recover the crown from Liston.

I cannot see Clay going more than a couple of rounds. It is too bad that Liston's class has been clouded by considerations not concerned with fistic operation in the ring.

SURPRISE IN MAKING

By Nat Loubet
Ring Magazine

The Liston-Clay fight is being tabbed by the brain trusters at 10-1. The odds don't tell the story.

On form alone, the powerful, overpowering, two-fisted blaster, Liston should take Clay, the fast talking speedster. Many think Cassius has a clay chin.

That Sonny will win as quickly as he caught up with Patterson is doubtful. Clay is a nimble-footed boxer with a cautious bend that could keep him in the fight long enough to discourage the stalking bomb tossing champ.

Clay is a man of pride and if he can get by the first two or three rounds conceivably could begin to bother Liston.

If the fight gets to the halfway mark Liston could begin to tire and possibly the elusive Clay could outpoint the slower Sonny in fifteen rounds.

The chances of Clay fighting as well as he talks are small but he is underestimated by many. If his mental attitude matches his big mouth we might see a surprise.

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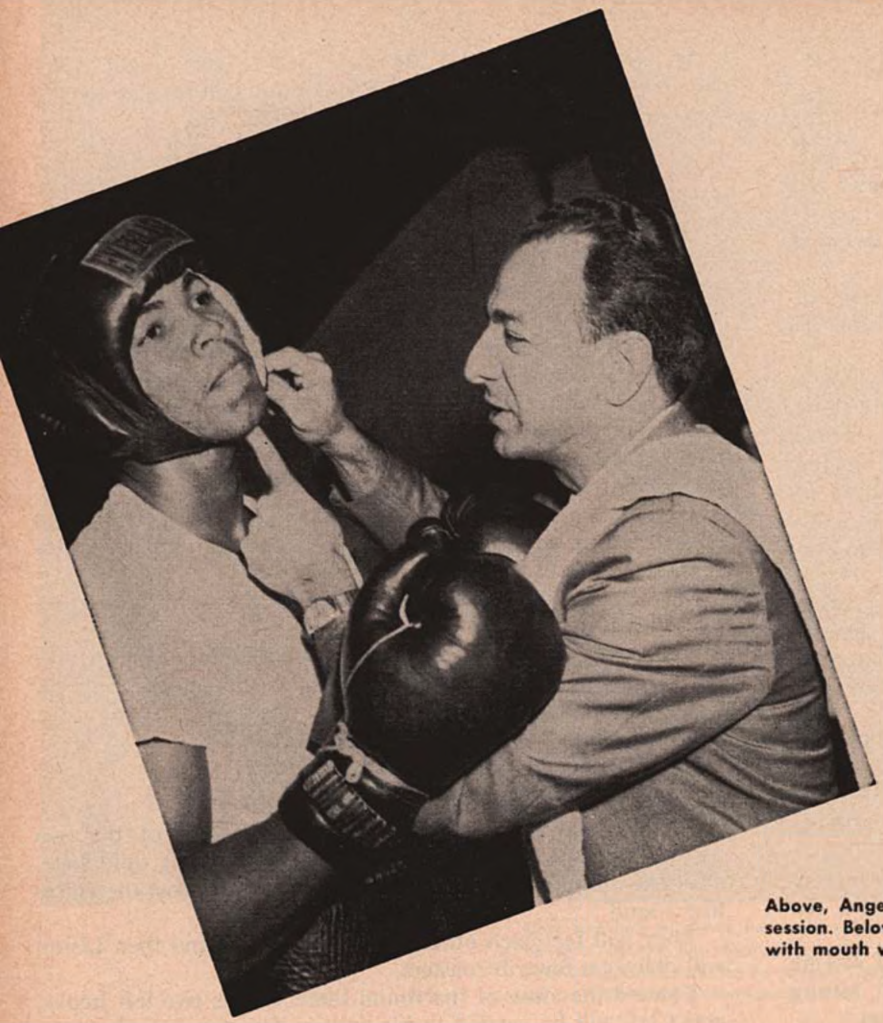
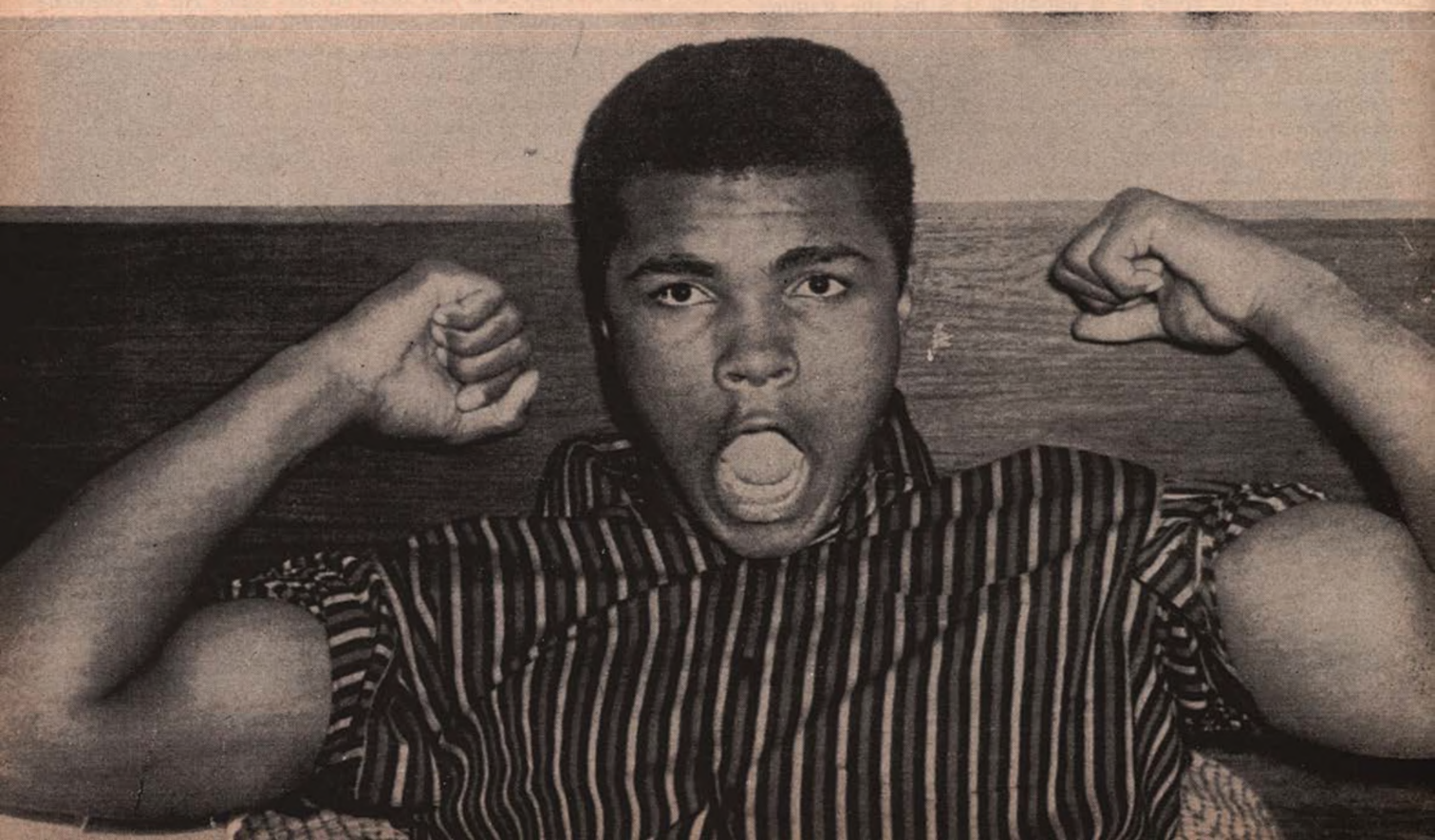


Challenger says, "If I am not ready then nobody is," as he picks eighth round for Sonny's exit.

Above, Angelo Dundee getting Clay ready for sparring session. Below, The Lip himself, in a characteristic pose, with mouth wide open.

"Liston Moves, Thinks Too Slowly



By CASSIUS CLAY
As told to Dan Daniel

CLAY THANKS "RING" FOR ITS FAIR PLAY

MIAMI BEACH, FLA. -- Only too seldom does a fighter express his appreciation for help from the printed word, and encouragement from the sources of those printed words.

Cassius Clay is the striking exception. He has expressed to The Ring Magazine his thanks for recognizing him as soon as he won the Olympic title and sticking with him all the way.

The Ring Magazine named Clay as its Fighter of the Year for 1963.

"I wish to thank the staff of The Ring for its continuous and fair coverage of my boxing career, all the way back to Nat Fleischer's encouraging talk with me before the Olympic final at Rome," Clay told The Ring correspondent at his camp.

"To all the readers of The Ring Magazine, and its staff, a happy 1964."

—Clay

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—Am I still picking the round for Sonny Liston? Certainly. He will go in eight, and if he keeps talking jive, he will go in five.

What are his chief shortcomings as a fighter? His lack of speed. He has no foot work whatever and he won't keep up with me.

Another thing. You will notice that big men who move slowly are inclined to think slowly. He doesn't use his brain fast enough to outgeneral me in the ring.

What do I possess in my own boxing makeup to justify my feeling that I will become the heavyweight champion on February 25?

Well, I have the winning habit. I had 180 amateur fights and lost only two. Twice Golden Gloves champion, twice AAU champion, then Olympic champion.

I have had 22 professional fights and have not lost one of them. I scored 19 knockouts and in 15 of these fights I called the round.

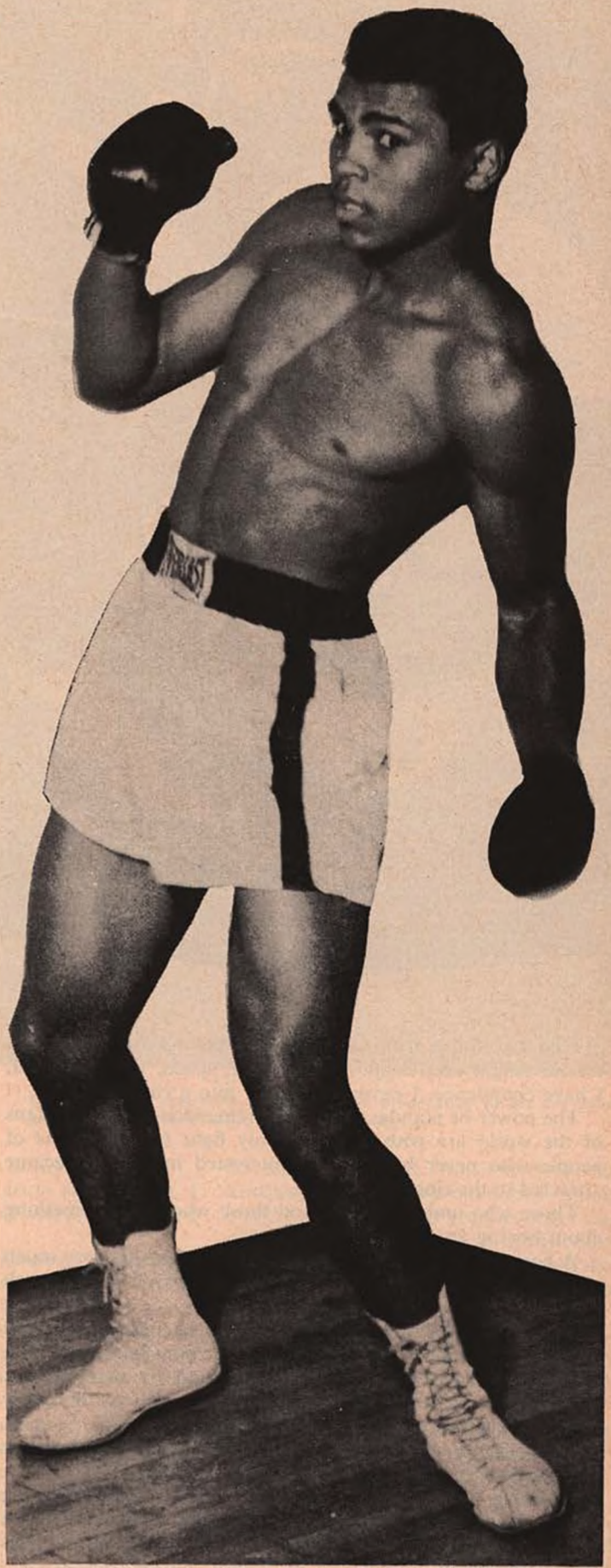
They say that I should have waited a year for this fight. My answer is this,—If I am not ready then nobody is.

You ask me, what mistakes did Floyd Patterson make in his two fights with Liston, and what lessons did these fights impart to me?

Patterson's chief weakness lay in the fact that he never has been a heavyweight. This made him lack confidence in himself.

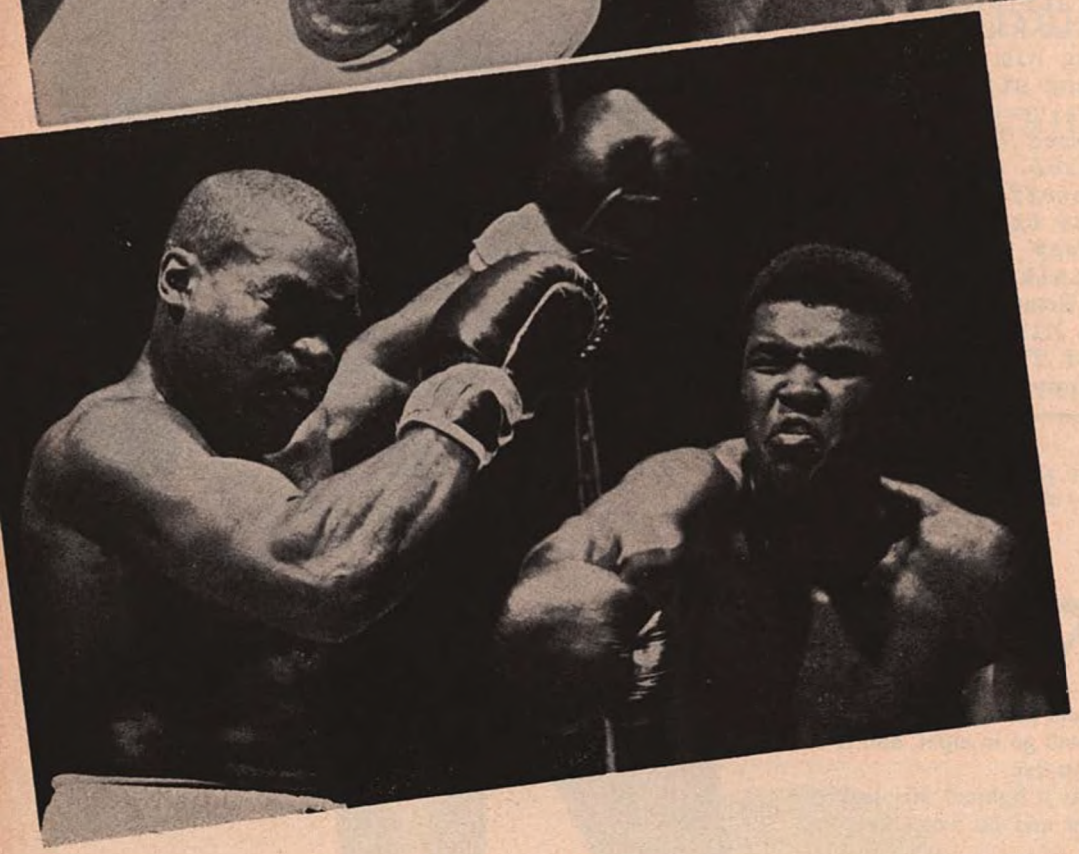
Floyd never has been able to take a punch. Just examine the round by round stories of his fights leading up to the two fast knockout losses to Liston.

Patterson was floored even by opponents without much experience. He lacks height, standing only 5 feet 11 inches. He lacks footwork. He lacks reach.



A full body pose of Clay as he takes time out from his training regimen down in Florida.

Here we see Clay in Rome, sparring with U.S. teammate Percy Price in training at Olympic games. Clay won the championship, and then turned pro.



The Lip in the process of beating Doug Jones in the New York fight which paved the way for Clay's match with Liston.

I do not suffer from any of these failings of Patterson's. I have height and weight, I have size, speed, and above all, I have confidence. I never have gone into a ring afraid.

The power of popular support is tremendous. The fight fans of the world are with me. Not only fight fans. Millions of people who never before were interested in boxing became attracted to the ring through me.

Those who understand me and those who know something about boxing are with me.

A boxer with that kind of support has something very much alive, very tangible, going for him. This psychology is well known in sports other than boxing, too.

You have asked me to discuss New York's refusal to license Liston, a fact which has kept him out of a fight in the Big City.

One thing I have learned. That is, to mind my own business. The New York Boxing Commission has its reasons, and they do not concern me.

You ask, "Cassius, if you win the title what will be your first moves?"

To begin with, let us eliminate the "if". I will be a fighting champion. You have heard that before. But a man who has a lucrative trade and sits around doing nothing is ignoring his reason for being around.

You also ask, "What will you do if your plans go awry and Liston beats you?"

Well, I will kiss his feet in front of the whole world, tell him that he is the greatest, and take the first jet out of the good old USA.

How would my going into the Army affect my career physically? I have given this no thought whatever. I will cross that bridge when I get to it.

Am I engaged to be married? Are my thoughts in the opposite direction?

I am engaged only to a $15,000,000 gate. My financial expectations in this fight? I am not that good a prophet when it comes to my financial cut. In any event, my money arrangements and expectations are my own private concerns.

I have been asked to explain that fourth round knockdown by Henry Cooper in England. This has been played up to the point at which experts have had me on the verge of a knockout.

Plain bunk. He hit me with a left hook when I was off-balance.

It was a hard punch. But it did not hurt me, and it did not befuddle me.

I had told everybody he would go in five, and in five Henry went. I was not near a knockout and was not saved by the bell.

Don't let anybody tell you that this fight with Liston will not be a real contest. I am no Patterson. Believe me, I do not intend this to be any indictment of Floyd. Men in our business should not throw bricks at each other. But I do believe that

Floyd was not too well equipped to fight Sonny, and I also know that he did not plan his fights sufficiently.

Some of the richest comedy being written in the newspapers of the USA will be found in the sports pages.

The fight experts have decided that I have no right to battle Liston. They are funny.

On the basis of their thinking, no heavyweight champion ever lost his title. No champion ever had to be considered the second choice. No challenger ever had a right to be considered as a title possibility.

One thing I remember. Before the first Patterson-Johansson fight in New York one of the leading experts wrote that Floyd would dispose of the Swede with a couple of punches. I think he said one punch.

If you look in the record book you will find that Johansson gave Patterson a terrific beating and knocked him out in the third round.

Only the other day I was thumbing through Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book and found a lot of stuff which does not make the experts look too good, right through the years.

They figured Jack Dempsey would make corned beef hash out of Gene Tunney. They said that Luis Firpo had no right to be in the same ring with Dempsey. Who landed on a typewriter outside the ring in that fight?

The dopesters asked why Max Schmeling was fighting Joe Louis the first time. Joe got starched. The experts didn't figure Billy Conn to have a chance and he had the fight with Louis on points when he got careless in the thirteenth round.

They pitied Jersey Joe Walcott in his first fight with Louis and what happened? Fifteen rounds, close thing for Joe.

They wanted to know what Tommy Farr was doing inside a squared circle with Joe, so the Welshman went fifteen rounds and gave Louis quite a jolt.

The trouble with the experts in this fight is that they are suffering from eye trouble.

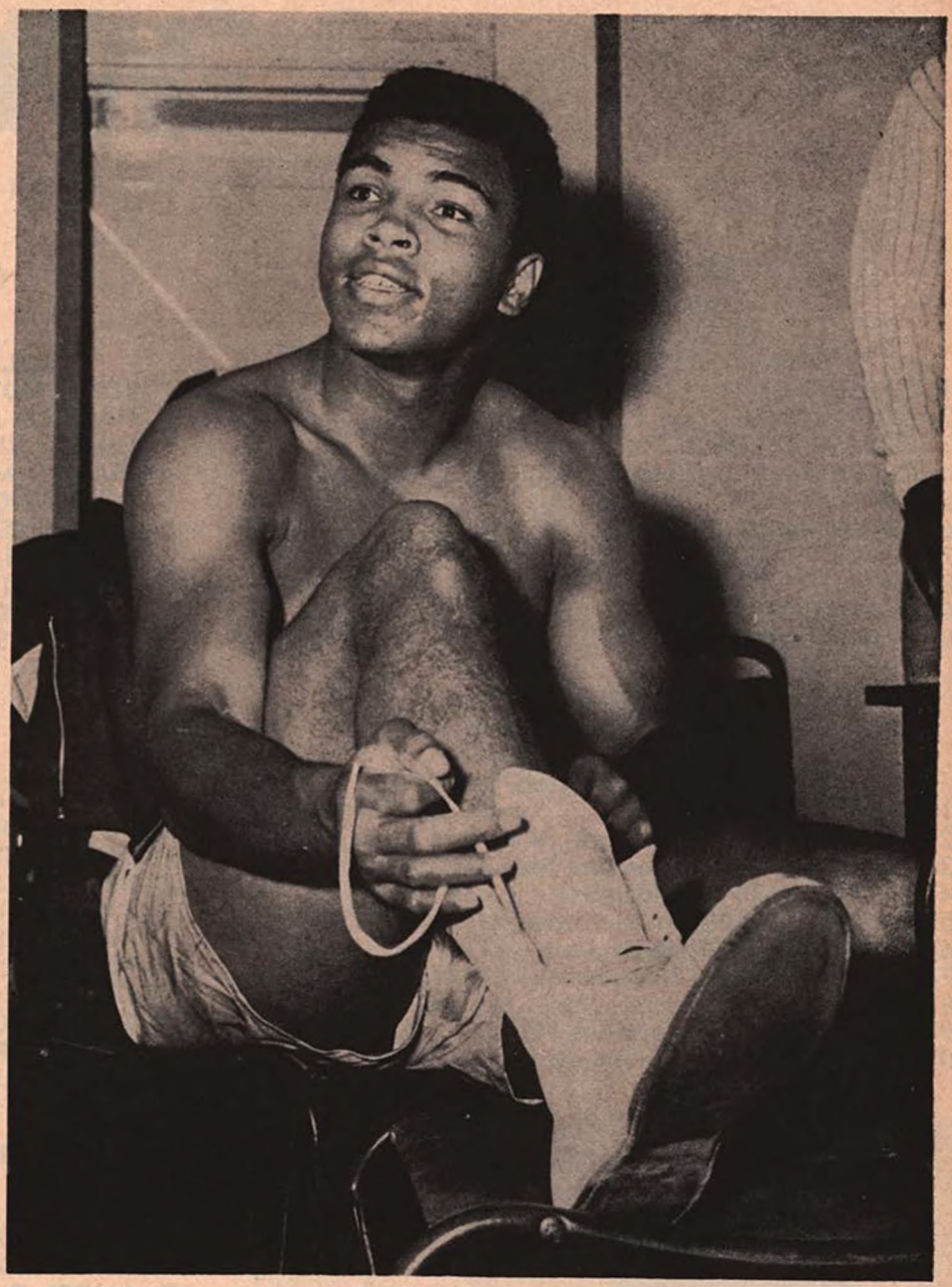
Picturing the February 25 fight with Liston, they don't see me in the ring, they see Patterson. They see Patterson knocked out twice by Liston without the need of a second round and they mistake Patterson for me.

Look, boys, I am not Patterson. I am Cassius Clay. I am a real heavyweight. I have speed. I can box.

Also, remember this, Messrs. Experts. I have a terrific asset which is called YOUTH. Behind this, determination. Behind this, ambition.

How old is Liston? They tell me that the dope in the record books is all wrong. The books say he was born May 8, 1934, in Pine Bluff, Ark.

The records say Liston will be 30 come May. Does Liston look 30 to you? Does he maneuver around like 30? Mind, I have no evidence that he isn't 30. But he looks old enough to be my father.



Cassius getting ready for his daily grind preparatory to his five round knockout victory over Henry Cooper in London.

I am not calling Liston an old bum. I know he can hit. But I also know that he lacks speed.

I know that to make a rabbit stew you first have to catch your rabbit.

The history of the fight business proves that when two big men get into a ring and start swinging, something will happen, and sometimes what happens is not on the schedule.

The trouble with the experts is that they see every fight sticking to advance dope, to calculations,—their own. They fail to take into account the fact that here and there the dope is upset. I will upset it.

Another trouble with the experts. Their impression of Liston is confined to his two knockouts of Patterson. They refuse to see the Liston who went twelve rounds to beat the Eddie Machen who was knocked out by Johansson in the first heat.

When Liston was six years younger than he is today, in 1958,—say 24 by the record book,—he could not stop somebody called Bert Whitehurst in two ten round fights in St. Louis.

It took Liston seven rounds to dispose of Willie Besmanoff in Cleveland in 1959. Do the experts see Liston as the guy who fought Besmanoff?

Do the experts see Liston as the fighter who had to go eight rounds to stop Howard King in 1960? Do they remember Marty Marshall, who busted Sonny's beak?

I am not throwing darts at the experts. I am trying to show that there is no such thing as infallibility in boxing, be it in the ring swinging, or in the press rows guessing.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER

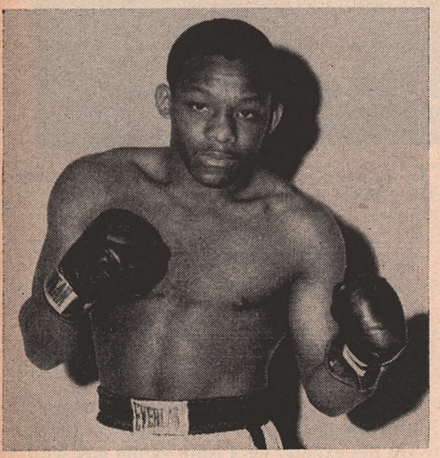
HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SONNY LISTON, Denver, Colo.
1–**CASSIUS CLAY,** Louisville, Ky.
2–**DOUG JONES,** New York, N.Y.
3–**ERNEST TERRELL,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4–**CLEVELAND WILLIAMS,** Houston, Texas
5–**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
6–**EDDIE MACHEN,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7–**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Scarsdale, N.Y.
8–**KARL MILDENBERGER,** Germany
9–**GEORGE CHUVALO,** Canada
10–**BRIAN LONDON,** England

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOEY GIARDELLO, Cherry Hill, N.J.
1–**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
2–**JOEY ARCHER,** New York, N.Y.
3–**RUBIN CARTER,** Paterson, N.J.
4–**LASZLO PAPP,** Hungary
5–**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
6–**SANDRO MAZZINGHI,** Italy
7–**NINO BENVENUTI,** Italy
8–**LUIS FOLLEDO,** Spain
9–**JOSE TORRES,** Puerto Rico
10–**JOE GONZALEZ,** New York, N.Y.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
WILLIE PASTRANO, Miami, Fla.
1–**EDDIE COTTON,** Seattle, Wash.
2–**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3–**GIULIO RINALDI,** Italy
4–**MAURO MINA,** Peru
5–**GREGORIO PERALTA,** Argentina
6–**BOBO OLSON,** Honolulu, Hawaii
7–**HENRY HANK,** Detroit, Mich.
8–**WAYNE THORNTON,** Fresno, Calif.
9–**TERRY DOWNES,** England
10–**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EMILE GRIFFITH, West New York, N.J.
1–**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Miami, Fla.
2–**JOE STABLE,** New York, N.Y.
3–**BRIAN CURVIS,** Wales
4–**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
5–**RIP RANDALL,** Houston, Texas
6–**FEDERICO THOMPSON,** Argentina
7–**CURTIS COKES,** Dallas, Texas
8–**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
9–**DICK TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
10–**STAN HARRINGTON,** Honolulu, Hawaii

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EDDIE PERKINS, Chicago, Ill.
1–**LOUIS MOLINA,** San Jose, Calif.
2–**ANGEL GARCIA,** France
3–**ROBERTO CRUZ,** Philippines
4–**JOSE NAPOLES,** Mexico
5–**AISSA HASHAS,** France
6–**BATTLING TORRES,** Mexico
7–**BOBBY SCANLON,** Sacramento, Calif.
8–**RODOLFO (TITO) MARSHALL,** Panama
9–**MARIO ROSITTO,** Colombia
10–**ENOCH NHLAPO,** South Africa



EDDIE PERKINS FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

SEVERAL boxers who worked hard during the past year to hold on to a high place in our international rankings, achieved their objective in the final weeks of 1963. Italy fared best.

Three of its top fighters figured in the rise. Sandro Mazzinghi who defeated Ralph Dupas and Nino Benevenuti who beat Ted Wright, made good advances in the middleweight class and Sandro Lopopolo in the lightweight section.

Rubin Carter of Paterson, N. J., knockout victor over Emile Griffith, the welter champ, in an overweight match, also made a big advance in the middleweight ranks. Carter, who was the Fighter of the Month for December, has been advanced to third place in the class over which Joey Giardello rules, with Mazzinghi up from 8 to 6, Benevenuti is in the seventh slot and Jose Torres in ninth place. Carter's kayo of Griffith, caused a shake-up in the division.

Laszlo Papp of Hungary, knockout victor over Luis Folledo of Spain, in fourth. He retained his European crown.

WORLD RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 22, 1964

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS ORTIZ, New York, N.Y.
1–**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
2–**CARLOS HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
3–**ALFREDO URBINA,** Mexico
4–**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
5–**BUNNY GRANT,** Jamaica
6–**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7–**TERUO KOSAKA,** Japan
8–**NICOLINO LOCHE,** Argentina
9–**DOUG VAILLANT,** Cuba
10–**SANDRO LOPOPOLO,** Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SUGAR RAMOS, Mexico City, Mexico
1–**MITSUNORI SEKI,** Japan
2–**ISMAEL LAGUNA,** Panama
3–**HOWARD WINSTONE,** Wales
4–**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
5–**DON JOHNSON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6–**DANNY VALDEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7–**FLOYD ROBERTSON,** Ghana
8–**WILLI QUATOUR,** Germany
9–**ANTONIO HERRERA,** Colombia
10–**BILLY CALVERT,** England

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
HIROYUKI EBIHARA, Tokyo, Japan
1–**SALVATORE BURRUNI,** Italy
2–**BERNARDO CARABALLO,** Colombia
3–**HORACIO ACCAVALLO,** Argentina
4–**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
5–**EFREN TORRES,** Mexico
6–**LEON ZULUETA,** Philippines
7–**WALTER McGOWAN,** Scotland
8–**TAKESHI NAKAMURA,** Japan
9–**PASCUAL PEREZ,** Argentina
10–**RATON MOJICA,** Nicaragua

George Benton of Philadelphia has been removed to make way for Torres and Joe Gonzalez, Torres' victim dropped from seventh to tenth place. Folledo lost two pegs, down from sixth to eighth.

The junior welter king, Eddie Perkins of Chicago, Ill., is rated The Fighter of The Month for this issue. His knockout of Toshinori Takahaski of Japan, in 13 rounds, gained the honor for him.

Brian London of England, *(Continued on page 52)*

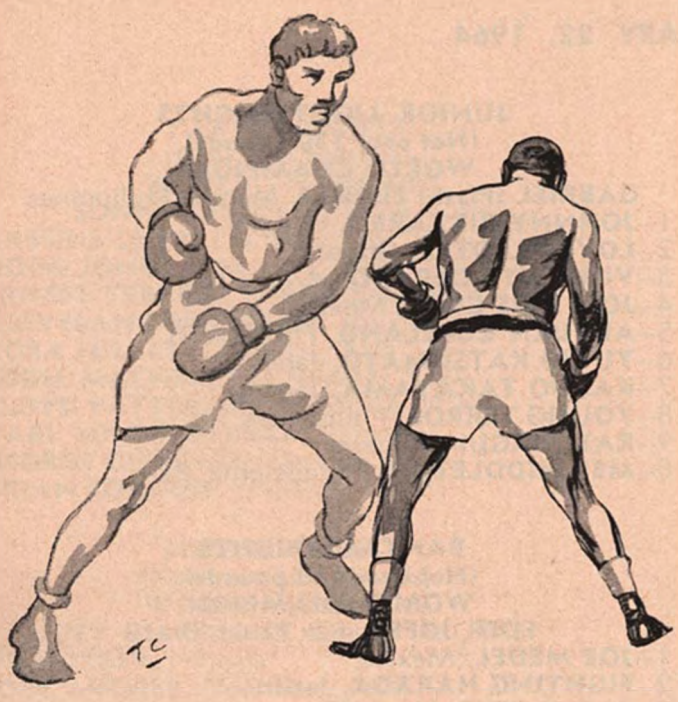
JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GABRIEL (Flash) ELORDE, Manila, Philippines
1–**JOHNNY BIZZARRO,** Erie, Pa.
2–**LOVE ALLOTEY,** Ghana
3–**VINCENTE DERADO,** Argentina
4–**JOSE LUIS CRUZ,** Mexico
5–**AUBURN COPELAND,** Flint, Mich.
6–**YUKIO KATSUMATO,** Japan
7–**KAZUO TAKAYAMA,** Japan
8–**YOUNG TERROR,** Philippines
9–**RAY ADIGUN,** Nigeria
10–**MEL MIDDLETON,** Philadelphia, Pa.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EDER JOFRE, Sao Paulo, Brazil
1–**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
2–**FIGHTING HARADA,** Japan
3–**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
4–**RONNIE JONES,** Chicago, Ill.
5–**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
6–**JESUS PIMENTEL,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7–**MANNY BARRIOS,** Mexico
8–**MIMUN BEN ALI,** Spain
9–**RISTO LUUKKONEN,** Finland
10–**RAY ASIS,** Stockton, Calif.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHTS						
Bowie Adams Phoenix, Ariz.	6/63	11	11	0	0	1
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS						
Eddie Agin, Key West, Fla.	9/63	4	4	0	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHTS						
James Lester, Oakland, Calif.	2/63	5	5	0	0	5
WELTERWEIGHTS						
Gil Rodriguez, Puerto Rico	6/63	6	5	1	0	1
LIGHTWEIGHTS						
Manuel Ramirez, San Jose, Calif.	7/63	3	3	0	0	1
FEATHERWEIGHTS						
Victor Baerga, Brooklyn, N. Y.	11/63	3	3	0	0	1
BANTAMWEIGHTS						
Sugar Pino, Mexico	8/63	7	5	2	0	4
FLYWEIGHTS						
Mario Garcia, Mexico	2/63	8	5	2	1	2

IS LISTON TOO SLOW?



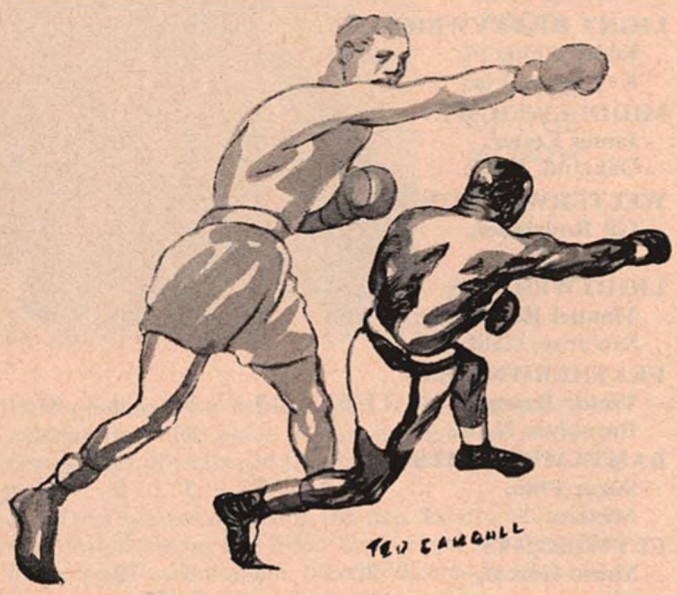
By
TED
CARROLL

MOST of the heavyweight champions had one prize asset bolstering their ring equipment, one outstanding characteristic for which they were noted. In sizing up Sonny Liston we find that the "Big Bear" stacks up strongly when his individual assets are compared with those of his predecessors.

Jack Dempsey had great speed, plus ruggedness. But ring students call his left hook his mightiest weapon. It was delivered with blurring rapidity. Jack often whipped it to the head and body in one-two fashion. This was the punch which destroyed big Jess Willard in the "Massacre of Maumee Bay" back in 1919 when Dempsey won the championship.

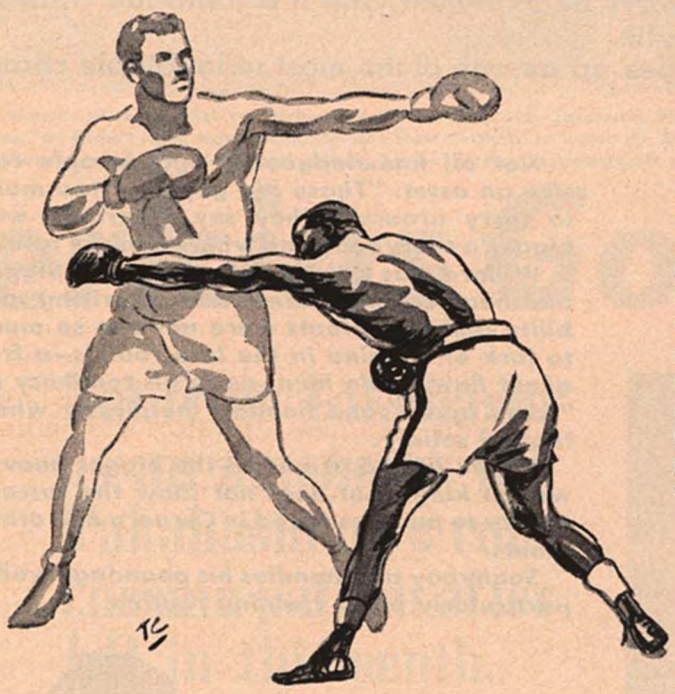
Joe Louis, a keen observer, calls Liston's left hook his best punch. "It's the one to watch" says Joe. Roy "Cut'n Shoot" Harris, a one-time Liston victim, says "Liston looks slow but I never saw the punch that dropped me when we fought. They told me later it was a left hook. If it was, it came too fast for me to see it."

Sonny delivers the blow like he does everything else, flatfooted. Dempsey always was on his toes. It is a crushing punch when Sonny sends it in.

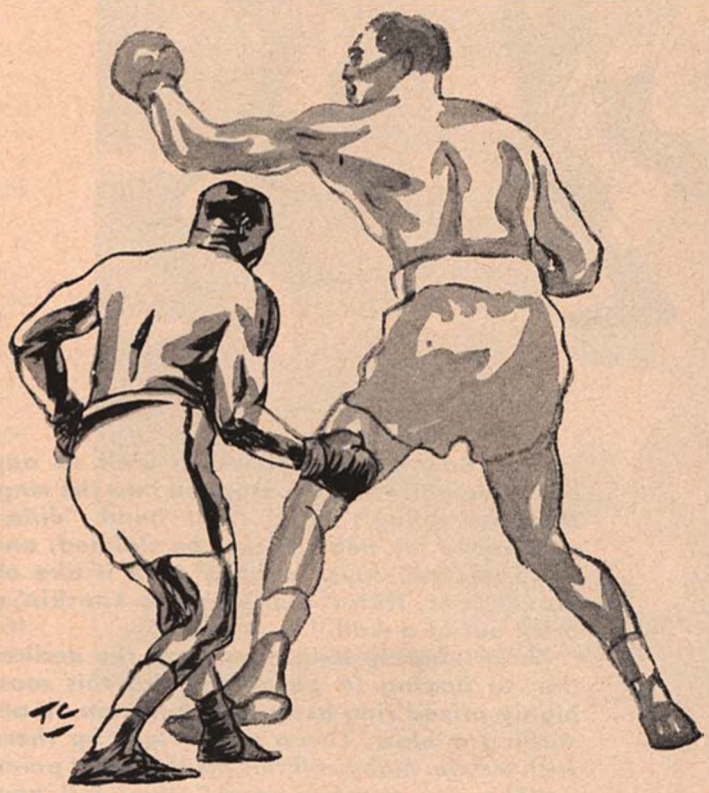


No champion had a more complete offensive than Louis. Joe was aptly named the "Brown Bomber." All of his punches, including his left jab, ("As hard as the average heavyweight's right," said sparmate George Nicholson) were real Bombs. There probably never was a more devastating blow than Joe's straight right when it landed. It was thrown with terrific speed. No opponent, however rugged, remained erect when tagged by it. As shown in this drawing of Liston against Patterson, Sonny's right, while nothing like Joe's for speed, is dead straight, thrown with both feet planted firmly on the canvas and with the full weight of his powerful body behind it. It is a punch to be feared and a fit companion for Liston's lethal left hook.

. . . . Lack of speed afoot only point on which Sonny may be faulted



Gene Tunney was a boxer who relied greatly on the boxer's trademark, the left jab. Tunney had one of the best. It was no feather duster punch, but a cutting, damaging, weapon which Gene used expertly in setting up a foe for his accurate straight right. Gene fought on his toes. He was fast for a big man and used plenty of footwork. Liston's left jab, thrown flatfooted, is accurate and has a jarring effect. Against big Mike DeJohn, Sonny gave his most impressive display of the left jab. However, Sonny rarely follows up the punch.



For speed and maneuverability, most ring students call Ezzard Charles—one of the smallest of the heavyweight champions—the most adept. Charles, as a heavyweight, retained the speed he had as a light heavy—which some insist he always actually was. This gained him victories over much bigger men.

In leg speed Liston is most vulnerable, as shown in his match with fast stepping Eddie Machen. He is probably the slowest afoot of any of our modern champions, including the giant Carnera who stepped around quite well for one of his bulk.

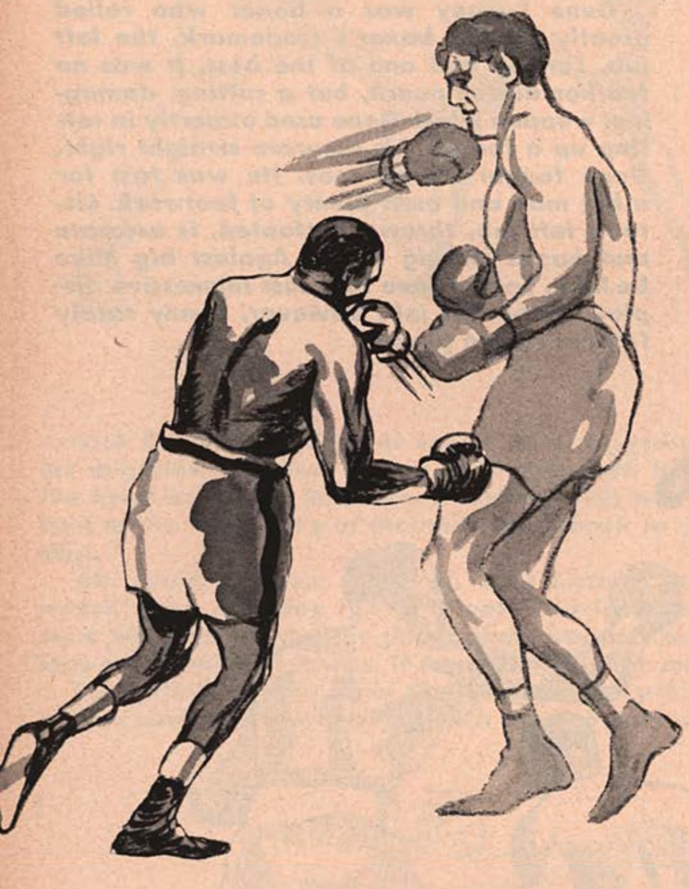
Sonny is far removed in footwork from such agile boxers as Dempsey, Tunney, Jack Sharkey and Charles. This looks like the only real chink in Sonny's formidable fistic armor.

Under such a severe critical dissection, as comparing the plusses of former champions with Liston's abilities, a composite picture of burly Sonny emerges as highly formidable. His left hook can be bracketed with Dempsey's, if not for speed at least for power, as his many quick knockouts show. His ram-rod like left jab, while not handled as classically as Tunney's, is one of the best. Although lacking Louis's fast hands and ability to combine his straight right with follow-up blows, Liston's straight right is a mighty weapon. Bigger than most heavyweights, he does not have the ring liabilities of most big men.

His chin stacks up favorably with Baer's and there is no higher criterion for ruggedness and the ability to withstand a punch.

Only one flaw shows up in this critique, his slowness, glaringly obvious in the Machen fight. A weak link in a chain can always be exploited, and it is there the chances of Clay and other prospective rivals of Liston, lie.

In all other departments he shapes up as one of the most redoubtable champions we have had.

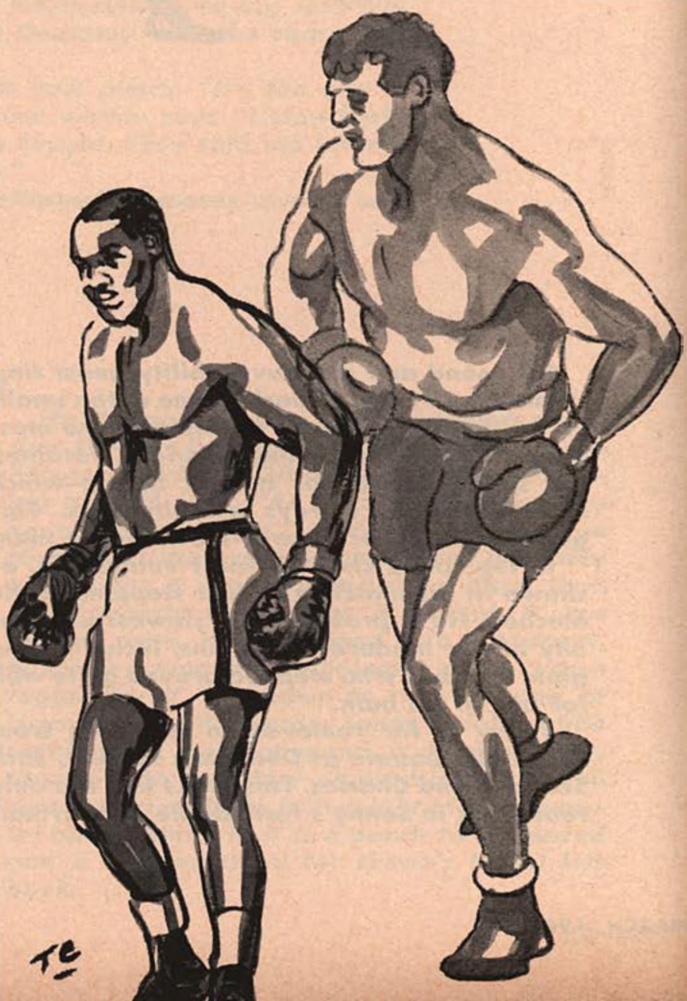


Not all knowledgeable fight people call size an asset. "Those big guys got too much to carry around," they say. "Carnera was bigger'n everybody and where does he rate?"

Willard was taller but Carnera was bigger and heavier. Still, Primo had surprising mobility and his defeats were not due so much to lack of stamina in the late rounds—a frequent flaw in big men—as to his tendency to "come apart" and flounder helplessly when tagged solidly.

Liston, at 215, is one of the bigger heavyweight kings, but does not show the susceptibility to punches found in Carnera and other giants.

Sonnyboy also handles his poundage well—particularly in his training routine.



Max Baer took a punch as well as any heavyweight who ever stepped into the ring. Max Schmeling's good right hand "didn't ever move my head back," he claimed, and Joe Louis still says "nobody took it like ol' Maxie Baer. Hittin' him was like knockin' a brick out of a wall."

Unfortunately Max never had the dedication to boxing to go along with this most highly prized ring asset, a strong chin. In absorbing a blow, Liston rates right up there with Maxie. Many call this his strongest point.

"The guy punches good," they tell you, "but being so hard to hurt is what makes him the monster he is."

Congratulations were in order for Perkins after his victory over Takahashi. His good friend Billy Ward of the famous entertainers, "The Domiones," on Eddie's right, travelled all the way from Australia to watch the fight. Left to right are Perkins' trainer Kid Carson, Milton Merle of the "Domiones," Eddie, Ward, and Johnny Coulon, former bantamweight champion and manager of Perkins.

Perkins Got a Scare

By DALE DEAN

Not from Takahashi as an opponent, but Takahashi as a concussion patient after KO in thirteenth.

TOKYO, Japan; (Special Correspondence of The Ring); —Over in the USA, Louis Molina, of San Jose, Cal., is waiting for Eddie Perkins, of Gary, Ind. Lou is the No. 1 challenger for the junior welterweight championship of the world, held by Eddie.

Perkins had himself an Oriental picnic, accompanied by a pretty stiff scare, when he knocked out Yoshinori Takahashi, of Japan, in the thirteenth round before 7,000 in the Kuramae Sumo Auditorium.

The fight played up the dangers of mismatching. Takahashi is not now, nor has he been, one of the top ten contenders among the 140 pounders.

There were better men all over the world than Takahashi but Tokyo offered an interesting trip and a satisfactory guarantee.

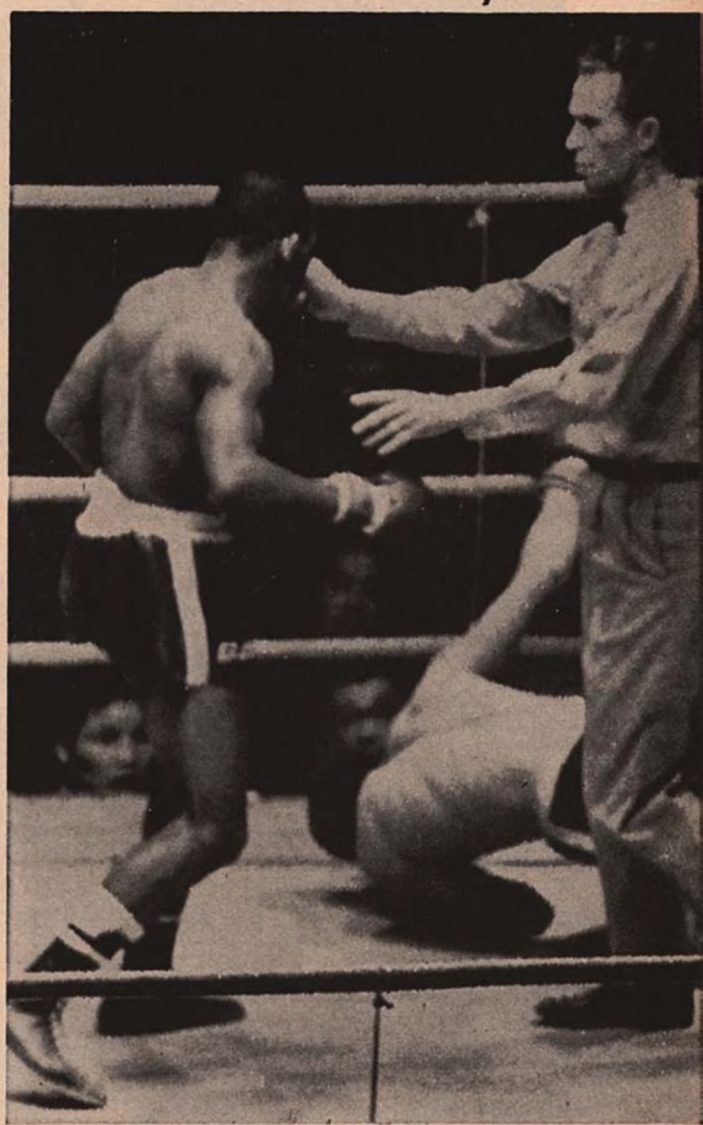
So Perkins came here and sent Takahashi to the hospital with a concussion. The Japanese was unconscious for ten minutes in the ring, and for another twenty minutes in the hospital.

Perkins feared that he had done Takahashi serious harm and had a very uncomfortable night until the Japanese was released from the hospital and pronounced fit for discharge by Dr. Takashi Suzuki, of the Boxing Commission.

Perkins said that the way the fight ended was a big surprise to him as he had not expected Takahashi to give out at that point.

Perkins did not score a knockdown until the thirteenth, and then he put the Japanese on the floor twice.

Takahashi arose at nine the *(Continued on page 48)*



It's all over. Referee Nicholas Pope moves in to stop the bout as the challenger goes down for the second and final time in the 13th round.

Sam Langford vs. Jim Flynn

Vernon, California
March 17, 1910

ON March 17, 1910, at Vernon, a suburb of Los Angeles, Sam Langford, then in the ninth year of his fighting career, knocked out Jim Flynn in the eighth round.

Flynn never aspired to the heavyweight title, but he was a rough and tough trial horse who fought from 1901 to 1923.

It is interesting that Flynn's last fight was against Langford, in Mexico City on October 19, 1923. Tham did him in midway in round three.

Langford and the Fireman from Pueblo, via Hoboken, N. J., met four times, on December 21, 1908, when Flynn went out in the first, on February 8, 1910, at Los Angeles, when their ten rounder was a no decision affair, a month later in Vernon, and the Mexican finale.

Never did Flynn beat Langford. Never did Jim come near beating the Nova Scotian.

This shot was taken at 7:30 in the morning, six and a half hours before fight time. The fans were converging on the Vernon Arena.

Over to the left side of this picture you will see Flynn, attired in a bath robe of many colors, entering the ring.

Before they climbed through the ropes Flynn and Langford ran smack-dab into each other. They shook hands. Note Jim's early smile.

The Vernon fight was the only one which was preserved for posterity in movies.

These pictures have come to the Ring Magazine from Jimmy Jacobs, of Hollywood, owner of the greatest collection of fight films yet put together. Nor is it likely that, for all time, the size and importance of the Jacobs collection will be approached.

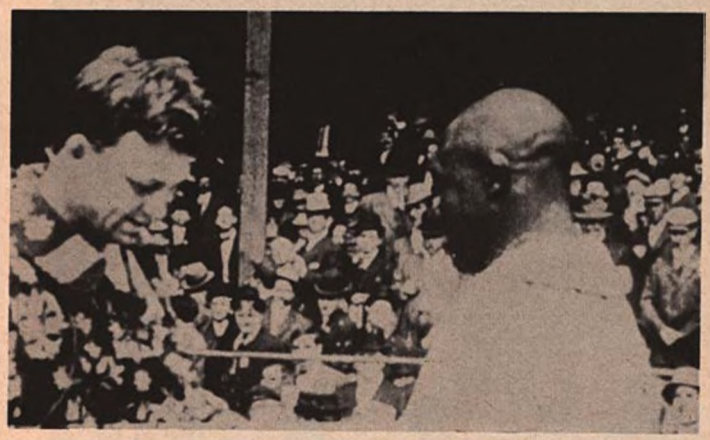
Flynn had two fights with Jack Dempsey and neither went beyond the first round.

To Jim went the distinction of knocking out the future heavyweight champion. It happened at Murray, Utah, on February 13, 1917.

On February 14, 1918, Dempsey stopped Flynn in the first round at Fort Sheridan.

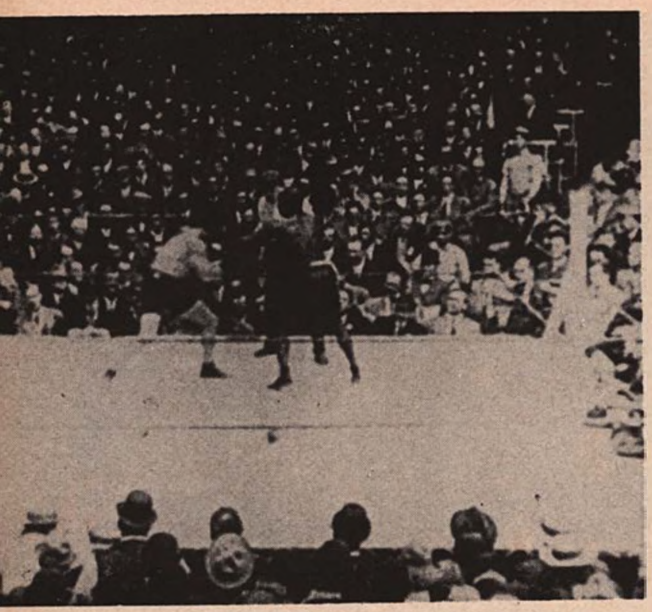
The Fireman fought Jack Johnson on July 4, 1912, at Las Vegas, with the heavyweight championship on the line. Jack was an easy winner in a fight ended in the ninth round by the cops. Flynn had been stopped by Johnson at San Francisco in the eleventh heat in 1907.

In any event, came the year 1910, and it so happened that both Langford and Flynn required eating

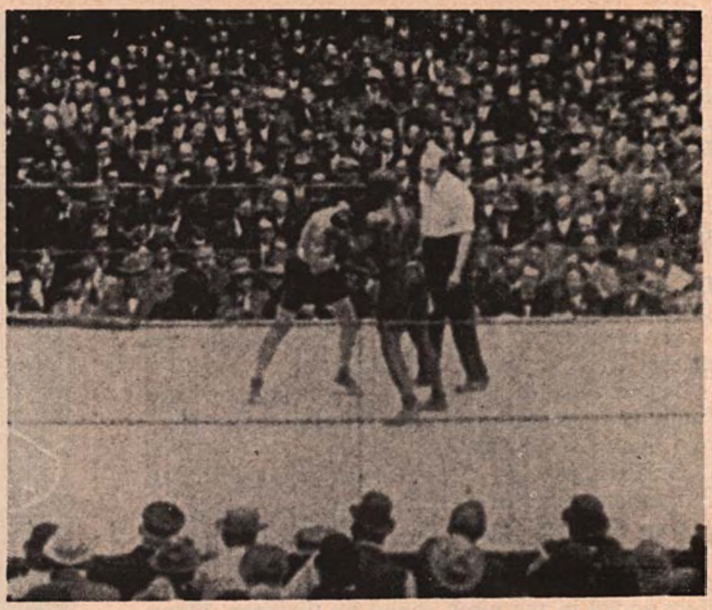


Flynn is examining Tham's bandages. In their previous fight Langford had been forced to unwind a lot of tape.

Flynn stands in ring center while he is being introduced by golden voiced announcer. Sam is over to right, waiting his turn.



Langford is showing Flynn a few tricks in the art of keeping an opponent at bay, in the first round.



This is the second round. Flynn is trying to turn the fight into a butting match. There is no warning.

money urgently. So they got together in LA for thirty minutes and some of the experts got the idea that Tham could have finished the Pueblo (Hoboken) Fireman any time after the fifth.

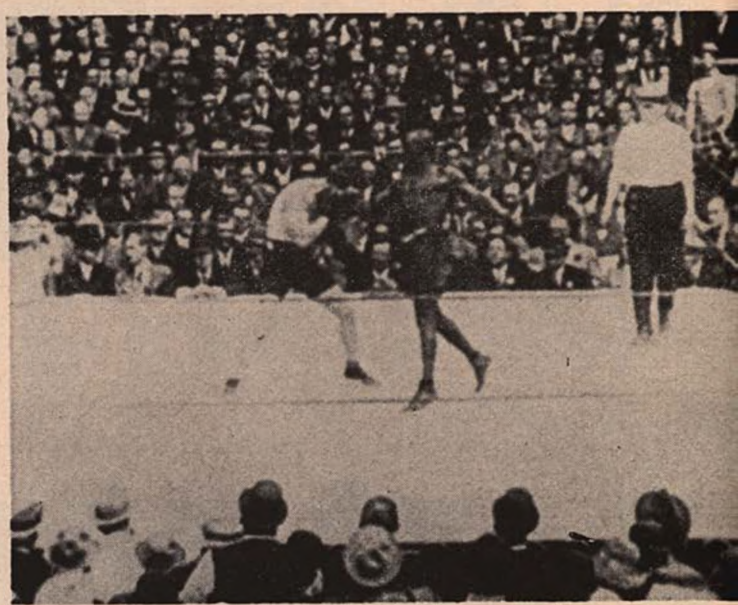
However, the scrap lasted the limit and neither fighter was arrested for not trying.

Out of this ten rounder grew the Vernon fight. This was a Langford interlude on the way to matches with Jim Barry, Stanley Ketchel, Battling Jim Johnson, Al Kubiak and Joe Jeannette.

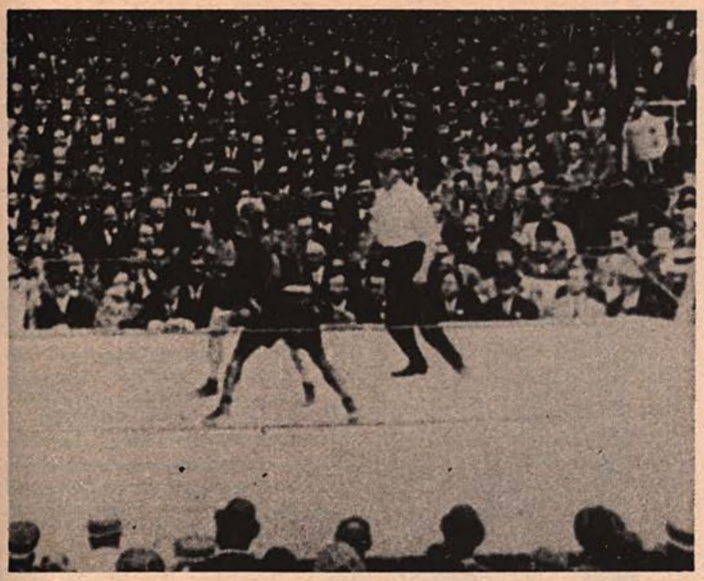
The Langford-Flynn engagement at Vernon, at two in the afternoon, was not one of the cleanest fights on record. Jim liked to use his head as a battering ram, which he did ad lib in the second round.

In the third Flynn struck Langford after the bell and Sam chased him all the way to his corner, where Jim's seconds interfered.

The bell had ended the third heat but Flynn had disregarded it and struck Tham. Langford is chasing Jim to his corner.



They are in the fifth round. Langford is uppercutting Jim dizzy and trying to straighten him up but the Fireman crouches.



They are battling in Round Six. Here we get a hint of what is not far off. Flynn is covering up desperately, and taking sound thrashing.

Is Flynn trying to be disqualified for fouling? Once more he is butting Langford, who is trying to stop Jim's wild rushes.

Flynn took a severe beating in the fifth and sixth rounds, and in the seventh he again rammed Tham with his noggin.

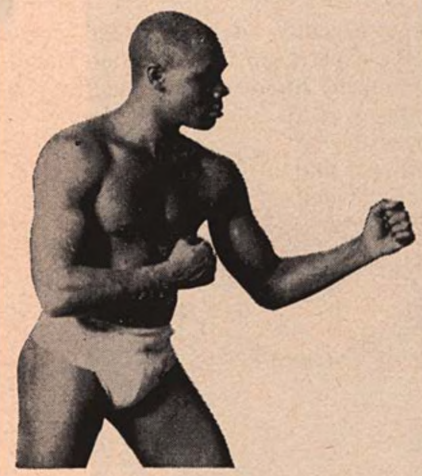
Flynn could not have been a mental giant. He made the serious blunder of getting the Tar Baby sore. So, in the eighth, Langford produced the Lethal Combo—a left to the solar plexus and a right uppercut to the jaw.

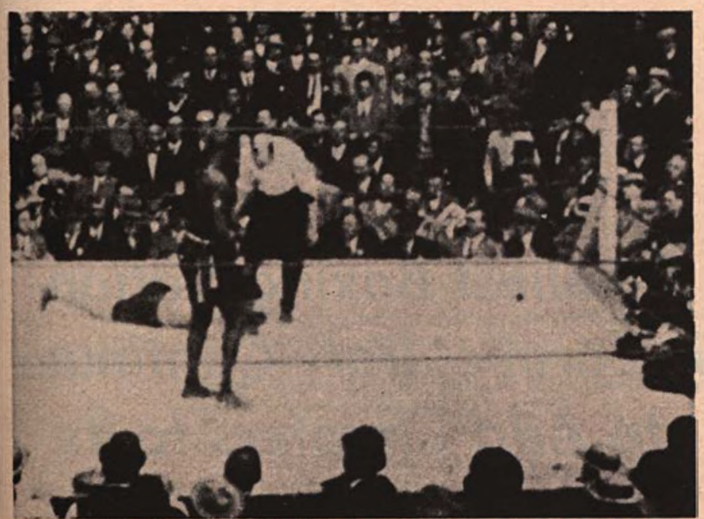
After stopping Flynn, Langford fought a rather long one,—long for him,—not one month later in the same arena. He went sixteen rounds to beat Jim Barry, another rough and tough hombre who never got very far but always made things unpleasant for the opposition, a busting miner.

No matter where and how and whom Langford fought he inevitably landed in a ring with Joe Jeannette. Or with Barry, Harry Wills and Jeff Clarke.

Tham and Barry met a dozen times, with six decisions for Langford, one way or the other, and six meetings of the no-decision variety.

Langford and Jeannette had fourteen encounters with each other. Langford won four, Joe took three, two fights were declared draws, and five were listed as no-decision scraps.

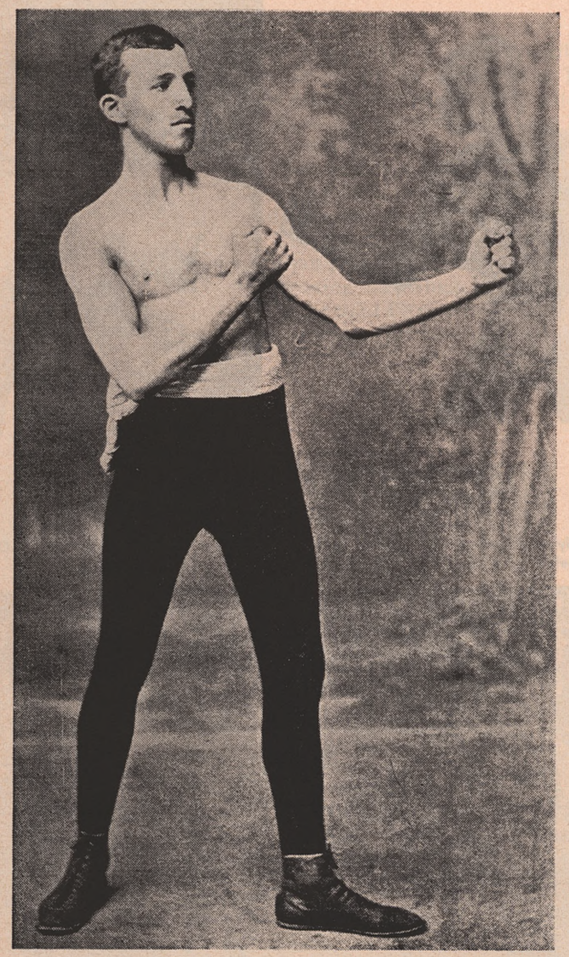




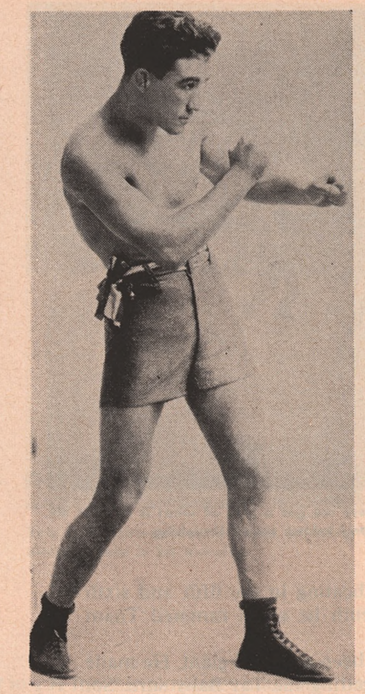
The end. A left to the solar plexus and a right uppercut to the jaw sent Jim to the deck. He had got the Tar Baby sore.

Flynn is back in his corner getting the fanning treatment after his K.O. defeat. The cops are keeping fans at bay.

Tony Canzoneri, one of boxing's all-time greats, who held both the featherweight and lightweight titles during his colorful career.



Italian prominence in boxing began with advent of Casper Leon (above), Bantamweight Champion Jimmy Barry's most persistent challenger during the '90s. They fought six times.



Johnny Dundee, who so popularized his adopted Scottish ring name, that a veritable army of other Italian "Dundees" followed him into the ring wars. Born Giuseppe Carrora in Italy, but reared in New York, Johnny was the first Italian elected to Boxing's Hall of Fame. He won featherweight title in 1923, and his long, busy career spanned 22 years and 321 bouts.

VIVO ITALIA!

Liveliest Boxing Nation in Europe, Italy Continues to Add Chapters to its Impressive Ring History

By JERSEY JONES

MAZZINGHI . . . Benvenuti . . . Del Papa . . . Tomasoni . . . Piazza . . . Burruni . . . Campari . . . Visintin . . . No, it isn't a list of stopovers on a Grand Tour of Italy. The names are not those of cities, towns or hamlets, but of some of the many sons of Sunny It' making further contributions to boxing's colorful history and tradition supplied by Italian ringsters throughout the years.

With most of the "established" boxing centers of this restless world—particularly the United States, Britain and France—bemoaning a general decline in pugilistic operations, Italy is one nation where leather-tossing continues to prosper. There seems to be no shortage there in either fighters or public interest in the trade.

The land of Caesar and Garibaldi is far and away the liveliest boxing country in Europe, if not in the world. Milan and Rome are the leading centers of ring activity, but Bologna, Naples, San Remo, Ancona, Cremona, Mestre, Genoa, Venice, Ascoli, Florence, Modena, Ferrara, St. Vincent, Brescia, Alessandria, Pavia and the Sardinian cities of Cagliari and Sassari are among the many communities operating on fairly regular schedules.

The result, naturally, is an abundance of fighters of assorted qualifications. In the lot are several who have already established prominent reputations in the international market and loom as strong possibilities for world titles.

From an American standpoint—because of the many Yanks he has beaten—the best known is middleweight Alessandro Mazzinghi, a 25-year-old clouter who finished his spectacular 1963 campaign with a pair of knockouts over Ralph Dupas for the World Boxing Association's so-called "junior middleweight championship." Mazzinghi first polished off Dupas in nine rounds in Milan, then journeyed to "neutral" Australia to demolish the shifty New Orleans veteran again, this time in thirteen rounds in Sydney.

Even before the Dupas episodes, Mazzinghi had been attracting the attention of American authorities. An exciting slugger, with a lusty clout, the Italian had put together an impressive punching record in Italian and French rings. Up to the Dupas affairs, Sandro had accounted for twenty-one knockouts in twenty-nine professional starts, and among the victims of his sock soporific were several importations from the United States and Canada. Rocky Randall was finished in one round, Don Fullmer in eight and Wilfie Greaves in five.

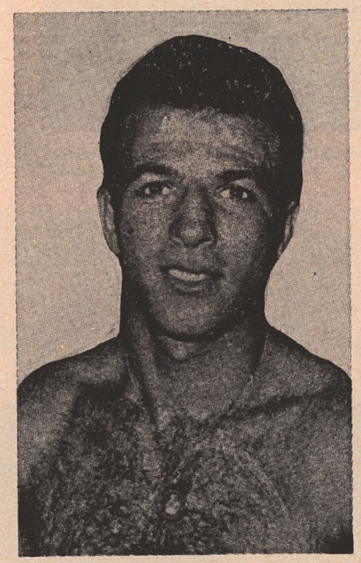
Another outstanding Italian middleweight is 26-year-old Nino Benvenuti, current holder of the national title. Olympic champion in 1960, Benvenuti has been unbeaten so far in three years of professional competition, with a strisg of forty-one wins, nearly half by knockouts. From an American standpoint, his most notable performances have been a knockout of Victor Zalazar and decisions over Isaac Logart, Jimmy Beecham, Gaspar Ortega and Teddy Wright.

The Italians haven't been too fortunate with their heavyweight entries in recent years—their most notable disappointments were Franco Cavicchi, Mino Bozzano and Franco De-Piccoli, and their current champion, Sante Amonti, has just been demolished by Floyd Patterson in Sweden—but they are beginning to develop some enthusiasm for a 23-year-old product of Cremona, Benito Penna, former European amateur champion and unbeaten in two years of professional competition. Eight of his twelve wins have ended in knockouts, and against increasingly stronger opposition.

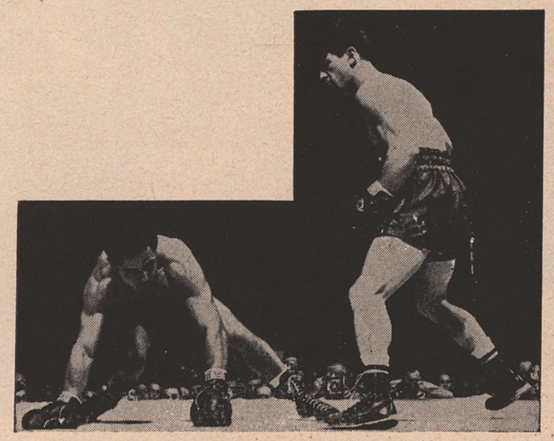
Two other unbeaten Italian favorites are 25-year-old light-heavyweight Piero del Papa and 24-year-old lightweight Sandro Lopopulo, both of whom seem ready to make their bids for world recognition. Lopopulo's most recent outing resulted in a decision over that clever Cuban, Doug Vaillant.

During 1963 the busiest main-event performer in all Europe was the veteran 30-year-old flyweight Salvatore Burruni, victor in all seventeen starts. Burruni was an outstanding amateur, winner of several international titles, before he turned professional in 1957. In sixty-three outings since then, only one draw and three defeats have marred an otherwise perfect score—and his last defeat was four years ago, in March, 1960! Burruni won the European flyweight title in June, 1961, and has successfully defended it four times against the strongest opposition the continent could send against him.

American authorities need no introduction to Giulio Rinaldi, 29-year-old holder of the European light-heavyweight championship. Rinaldi didn't look too impressive in his lone start in the United States—when he lost to Archie Moore in their world title meeting in New York in 1961. Giulio was poorly advised in that bout. Had he used his natural strength and stamina to crowd Moore from the start, it is doubtful if Ancient Archie's legs would *(Continued on page 47)*



Sandro Mazzinghi, who has specialized in wrecking American opposition, recently flattened Ralph Dupas twice to acquire the so-called "junior middleweight title."



It was Italian vs. Italian when middleweight Rocky Graziano (right) knocked out welterweight champion Marty Servo in Madison Square Garden. Though he lacked many requisites of being a "great" fighter, Graziano was an exciting performer and tremendous box-office attraction.

The genial hero of our story, Murray Goodman, New York Coliseum promoter.

Goodman Dares Battle Garden

"Boy Promoter," once Drum Beater for Markson, Goes into Business in N. Y. Coliseum

By AL BUCK

The Coliseum's first main bout. On the left, Wilhelm Von Homburg. On the right, Bob McKinney, of Tacoma, who ended his ring career in the ninth ronud

AN old hand at a new trade, Murray Goodman has re-crossed the Hudson River to invade New York and battle Madison Square Garden. Goodman is best known as a press agent. But with Sam Bartoletta as a partner, he has promoted two boxing shows at Teaneck, N. J., and the Joey Giardello-Dick Tiger world middleweight championship bout at Atlantic City with success. They have set up shop in the New York Coliseum, seating 5,000 for boxing, half a mile from the Garden.

While he is experienced in the cauliflower industry, Goodman has functioned mainly as a press agent up to now. He was the drumbeater at the Garden during the time of Jim Norris' now defunct International Boxing Club, and long before that he was a working newspaperman.

"I was with the Hearst organization for 12 years," Goodman said in his office in the Coliseum. "I started as Arthur Brisbane's office boy, and worked up to become sports editor of Universal News Service.

"As a sports writer I worked for the late Frank Menke, and later for Davis J. Walsh. After Universal folded I was with International News Service for a time."

In 1938 Goodman quit INS to become manager and press agent for Al Schacht, restauranteur, former major league pitcher, now Clown Prince of Baseball. He was with Schacht for eight years.

"I got into boxing with the Tournament of Champions. The late George Klutz was the president," Murray recalled. "The outfit promoted a couple of middleweight title fights, the third Tony Zale-Rocky Graziano at Newark, and the Marcel Cerdan-Zale at Jersey City. Both promotions were successful.

"I was also the press agent for the Johnny Attell-promoted Sugar Ray Robinson-Kid Gavilan wolrd welterweight title fight in Philadelphia. This was held in the big Municipal Stadium, where the first Jack Dempsey-Gene Tunney battle was fought.

"Nobody expected the last minute rush, and one of the two box offices was knocked over. I don't know how many thousands crashed the gate, but the show grossed over $200,000. Robinson retained his title."

When Norris purchased the stock of the Tournament of Champions, Goodman went with the deal. He moved into the Garden in 1949, and stayed until Norris was forced out by the anti-trust decision 10 years later.

"Those were exciting times. No matter what has been said of Norris, he operated in a big way," said Goodman. "Those were Rocky Marciano years. He is in the record book as one of two undefeated world heavyweight champions. Norris promoted weekly fights on two TV networks. He also pioneered in the field of closed circuit TV."

While working for the Garden, Goodman doubled as the press agent for Rae Hickok, Rochester belt manufacturer. They hit on the idea of rewarding the pro athlete of the year with a diamond studded belt valued at $10,000 for real. Awards are made to the top athlete of each month, and an annual poll of sports writers decide the year's best.

The award is made at an annual dinner at Rochester. During the 14 years it has been in existence the belt has been won by three fighters—Marciano, Carmen Basilio and Ingemar Johansson.

"I kept the Hickok account when I quit the Garden to become press agent for the plumbing industry," Goodman continued. "As sports has always been my first love I moved on to Yonkers Raceway. I was with the trotters for a year before getting into football with the New York Titans.

"When the Titans got into financial difficulties the American Football League (*Continued on page 46*)

Goodman, on left, with Ring publisher Nat Fleischer.

Joe Louis, in middle, is giving the Victory Sign to Goodman, on left, and his partner Sam Bartoletta in promotion ventures.

Goodman well wishers. They are; front row, left to right, Goodman, Johnny Addie, Frankie Genaro, Sammy Mossberg, Pat Tarsio, Gus Lesnevich. Second row—Carmen Basilio, Al Kelly, Peter Scalzo, Sam Taub, Don Dunphy. Third row—Billy Soose, Jim Braddock, Joe Shapiro, X. Shapiro, and Walt Tosa.

GARDEN NOT OFF TV

Here are four recipients of citations at the Boxing Writers' dinner — Harry Markson, Emile Griffith, Dennis McMahon and Muggsy Taylor, plus Barney Nagler, BWA prexy—from left to right.

Photo By JOHN PREMO

By NAT FLEISCHER

At Boxing writers' dinner Markson announces plans for formation of its own television network.

THE thirty-eighth annual dinner of the Boxing Writers' Association in New York's Americana Hotel was a gala affair, with 500 men in attendance despite the approaching blizzard.

Emile Griffith, welterweight champion, received the Edward J. Neil Memorial Award, emblematic of the Fighter of the Year. Barney Nagler, president of the Writers, made the presentation.

Harry Markson, head of the Madison Square Garden boxing enterprise, got the James J. Walker Award, for long and meritorious services to boxing. This presentation was made by Red Smith.

Other awards for services went to Herman Taylor, Philadelphia promoter, Willard Mullin, World-Telegram cartoonist, and Dinny McMahon, of the Connecticut Boxing Commission.

The speeches of the night were made by U.S. Senator Kenneth Keating (New York), Supreme Court Justice Julius Helfand, former chairman of the New York Commission, and Markson.

Senator Keating advocated the appointment of a Federal boxing czar. Justice Helfand denied that the sport is in need of direction from Washington, and Markson announced Garden plans to become effective, if adopted, after televising of fights stops next September. He said:—

"I want to state that even if the recent announcement of the American Broadcasting Co.—that it is scheduling no boxing starting next Sept.—be true—and no one has told us officially—this does *not* mean the end of network television.

"Just as Madison Square Garden has put together a network of independent stations to carry the National Basketball Assn. Game of the Week, so are we exploring the possibility of forming our own national network to carry our fights. It *can* be done because interest in boxing on TV is national in scope and because boxing, being a 52-week-a-year sport, can offer year-round programming.

"Nor are we unmindful of the developments which this electronics era may produce in other areas, like closed circuit and pay-as-you-see television, both of which Madison Square Garden has pioneered in the field of sports.

"But this I say, with the full concurrence of the Garden directors who are here tonight (and may I add parenthetically that the Garden's faith in boxing is evidenced by a subsidy program that has involved the expenditure of a quarter of a million dollars) this I say, that with or without television, the Garden will continue its boxing operation, it will continue its endeavors to bring to the Garden ring the best fighters in the world from anywhere and everywhere in the world, it will continue to bid for championship contests, it will continue to pay the highest purses for main event and preliminary boxers of any club in the world, and will continue to urge the passage of legislation which we believe would benefit our sport.

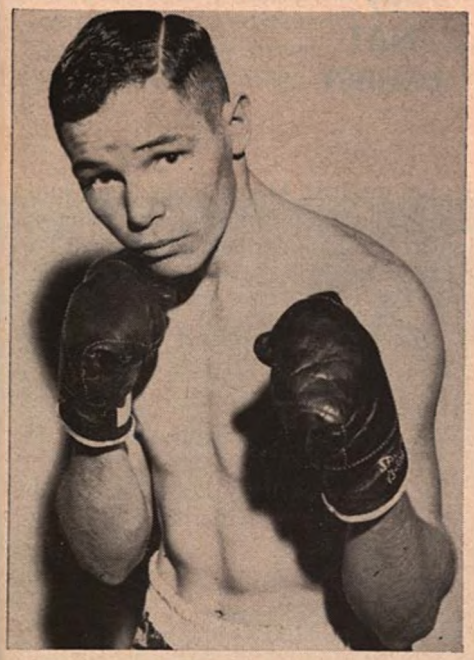
"Because, if boxing is to regain the full confidence of the American sports fan, if boxing as a profession is again to attract athletes of talent, if boxing is to survive as we have known it during our lifetime, if boxing is to have a permanence and a dignity which it must have to deserve public support, it has its best chance, we believe, in federal regulation.

"I do not propose to recount here the vast benefits of federal regulation. These have been catalogued by men far wiser and more articulate than I. But I do want to assert as emphatically as I know how that Madison Square Garden is determined to do everything it possibly can to insure federal legislation as the most intelligent way of preserving boxing for the continuing benefit of the sports public as well as for the continuing benefit of the countless number of persons to whom boxing is an honorable livelihood."

Edited by **JOHNNY ORT**

Jerry Jenkins, 24th Infantry Division Bantamweight, a native of Memphis, won a decision over Ile Eichhorn, of Hermod, at Copenhagen.

Members of the 24th Infantry Division boxing team. Kneeling from left to right; Page O'Neal, Jerry Jenkins, Ken Ousley, Lincoln Parker. Standing left to right: George Perry, Mike Taylor, Ted Rooks, Kid Kindall, James Ross, Calvin Chandler, Jack Teaves, Frank Milligan and coach Gene Paugh.



Ken Ousley, 24th Infantry Division Welterweight, from Los Angeles, lost a close decision to Hermod's, Penning Olson in Copenhagen.

ARMY MEN BEAT DANES

COPENHAGEN Denmark: — The 24th Infantry Division boxing team, under new coach Gene Paugh, took six of eleven bouts to defeat the Hermod Club for a second time.

Featherweight Lincoln Parker turned in the standout performance, scoring a first-round knockout over Danish Olympic hopeful Ralf Thomsen.

Jerry Jenkins took a unanimous decision over John Caspersen in the bantamweight class.

Light welterweights Phillip (Kid) Kindall and James Ross pounded Danish opponents into retirement in the second round of their matches.

Kindall stopped Robert Schwencke and Ross retired Kenneth Peterson.

In welterweight bouts, Hiawatha Kennedy outpointed Hoch Anderson, but reigning USAREUR Champion Kennedy Ousley lost a close decision to Hermod's Henning Olsen.

Hermod took both light middleweight matches, with Bjorn Skovgard and Stig Waltersson out-punching Jack Reaves and Marion Moody for three-round decisions.

Calvin Chandler, a slugger with a 17-3 record in two years of competition, concentrated his bombs on the midsection of Hermod's John Christensen and pounded out a unanimous decision in the light heavyweight class.

In the final match Jan Holmquist, of Goteborg, former sparring partner of Ingemar Johannson, KO'd the victory Division's Frank Milligan in the third round. Holmquist is turning pro.

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C., Marine Boxing coach Chuck Lawler has a wealth of experienced fighters. The veteran is John C. Davis, a 139 lb., 23 year-old with a 90-14 record since he began fighting in 1955. John has 60 knockouts to his credit.

A relatively new boxer, Bob Glaister, will carry Lejeune's hopes in the light-heavyweight division. Glaister, 178 lbs., 18 years-old, reached the finals in the New York Golden Gloves last year. His record shows nine wins, one loss, with five knockouts.

Carlos Tapia, weighing 165, should be a big gun in the middleweight division. His over-all record is 23 wins, five losses, with six KO's. The 21 year-old scrapper was Atlantic Fleet Champion in 1962, and runner-up in the All-Marine Tournament.

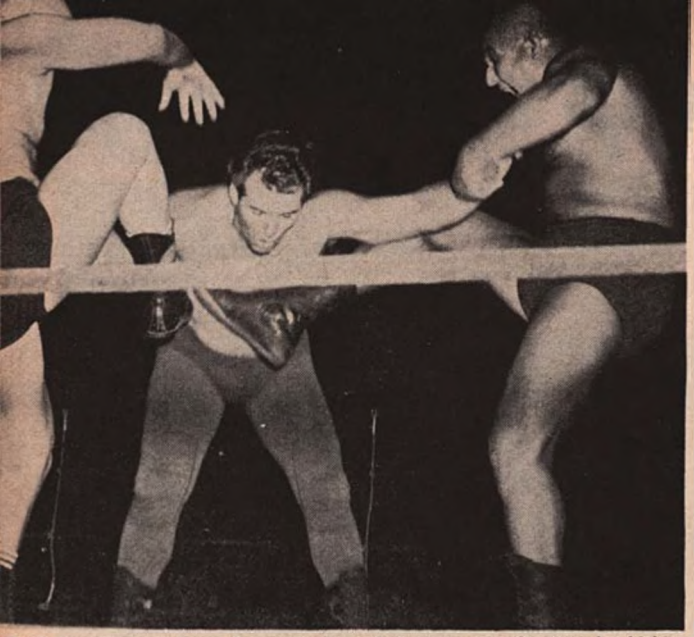
Fighting at 147 lbs., Adron Carroll, a 21 year-old boxer with 57 wins and 19 losses, and 21 knockouts, stands out.

Other Lejeune fighters include Bill Verdier, 139 lbs., 21 year-old, runner-up in the '63 All-Marine Tourney; Darrell Smith, a 134 lb. tiger with Golden Glove Experience; Excel Calhoun, 156 lbs., with 29 wins, five defeats. The "feather merchant" is Bill Morcedos.

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF., — Camp Pendleton's Team was strengthened with the return of four-time All-Marine welterweight champ Maurice Frilot. He was released from active duty last August.

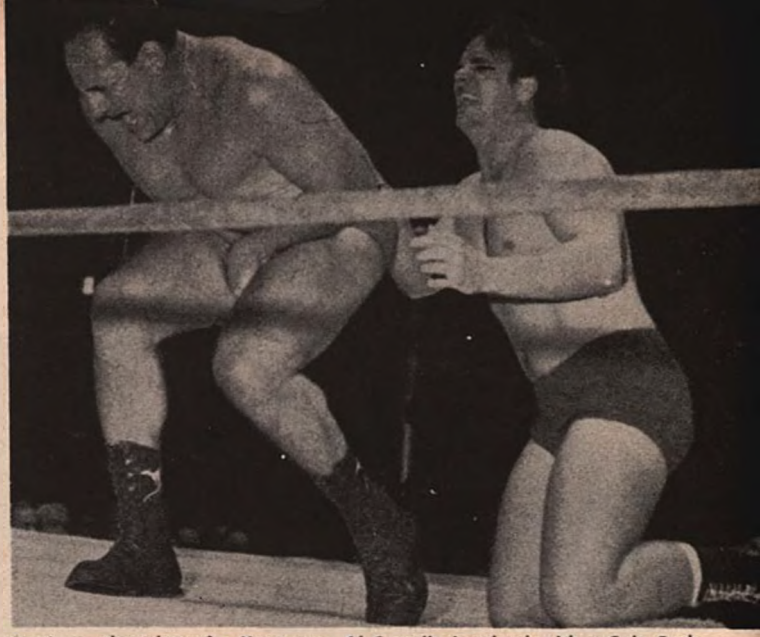
Upon his release from the Marine Corps, Maurice returned to his hometown of Denver.

Frilot rejoined the Marine Corps because he decided he could get back to an outstanding coach, MSgt. Freddie Lenn, and a system which will land him on our Olympic team. *(Continued on page 52)*



Skull Murphy and Brute Bernard show their team coordination by kicking Roy Heffernan, partner of Al Costello, in the midsection during match won by the two baldies.

Photos by Steve Sank



Here's another shot of a Kangaroo. Al Costello involved with a Colt. Both seem to be in pain. Colts lost this one that was all action, with mayhem on both sides.

THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

THE Northwest is a hive of activity with Seattle's Harry Elliott, matchmaker and promoter in that territory, staging an elimination tournament to pick the proper opponents for Lou Thesz, NWA champ, when he arrives in Seattle in mid February to put his title on the line.

An interesting note from Atlanta, where Don McIntyre promotes, informs that Les Welch has tacked $6,000 on to his annual earnings since he started to fly his own plane to engagements.

Les learned to fly just after World War II and gave it up to join brothers Jack, Roy and Herb as a professional wrestler.

Taro Myaki, a stocky Japanese wrestler with tactics that have made him feared, thinks Americans are too squeamish about a little pain. His Judo and other chops and holds are not deliberately painful but calculated to win, he says. Taro adds: *"Part of the trouble is that wrestlers I meet in U.S. are less immune to pain than any other wrestlers I have met. They don't like punishing holds."* (Ed. note: Who does?)

Les Thatcher, one of the younger wrestlers to climb to stardom, has been doing the grunt bit since July 1960. He had a lot of amateur experience before turning pro. Les has an active fc president in Jean Pierce of 2338 May Street, Cincinnati.

Les hails from Cincinnati.

This corner would like to doff its hat to a once champion and current promoter who supplies wrestlers to six states, with his main locales in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The guy is LeRoy McGuirk, whose wrestling career was cut short by an automobile accident in 1950.

Lenny Rossi has been going under the sobriquet of The Crusader. . . Pepe Chicharro is best known as Hercules Romero.

Oni Wiki Wiki, 210 pound rugged Hawaiian whose favorite hold is the "Surf Curl", can kick a football sixty yards with his bare foot.

There's a new wrinkle in fan clubs, with Mike Glover's Little Guys and All Dolls Fan Club. It's devoted to midgets and gals. Those interested can get particulars from Mike at 1406 W. Avenue M, Apartment 2, Temple, Texas.

Wally Chaplin, president of the Irish Mike Clancy Fan Club, is to be congratulated on her interesting and lively bulletin, which does much to help both her club and her honorary. You may contact Wally at 802 West Ildereen, Springfield, Missouri.

OFFICIAL WORLD RATINGS

MEN

1. Lou Thesz
2. Bruno Sammartino
3. The Destroyer
4. Verne Gagne
5. Ray Stevens
6. Jackie Fargo
7. Gorilla Monsoon
8. Pepper Gomez
9. Cowboy Bob Ellis
10. Gory Guerrero

WOMEN

1. Fabulous Moolah
2. Rita Cortez
3. June Byers
4. Georgia Brown
5. Karen Kellogg
6. Kay Noble
7. Fran Gravette
8. Judy Grable
9. Evelyn Stevens
10. Kathy Starr

TAG TEAMS

1. Mitsu Arakasa and Kinji Shibuya
2. The Masked Medics
3. Skull Murphy and Brute Bernard
4. Kurt and Karl Von Brauner
5. Jack and Jim Dalton
6. Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff
7. The Bavarian Boys
8. Art and Stan Neilson
9. Karl and Skull Von Stroheim
10. Dick The Bruiser and Wilbur Snyder

CONNECTICUT NEWS

By KEN MAZUR

The first match of an exciting evening brought Roger Dupre of Canada, against Pedro Rodriguez of Mexico. As a whole the match was a mediocre one with the questionable tactics of

Rodriguez adding the spark to the match. Those sections in which Rodriquez was at his meanest showed some fierce action. It was then that Dupre would counter with his scientific moves to the delight of everyone. Rodriguez took the match in 27 minutes.

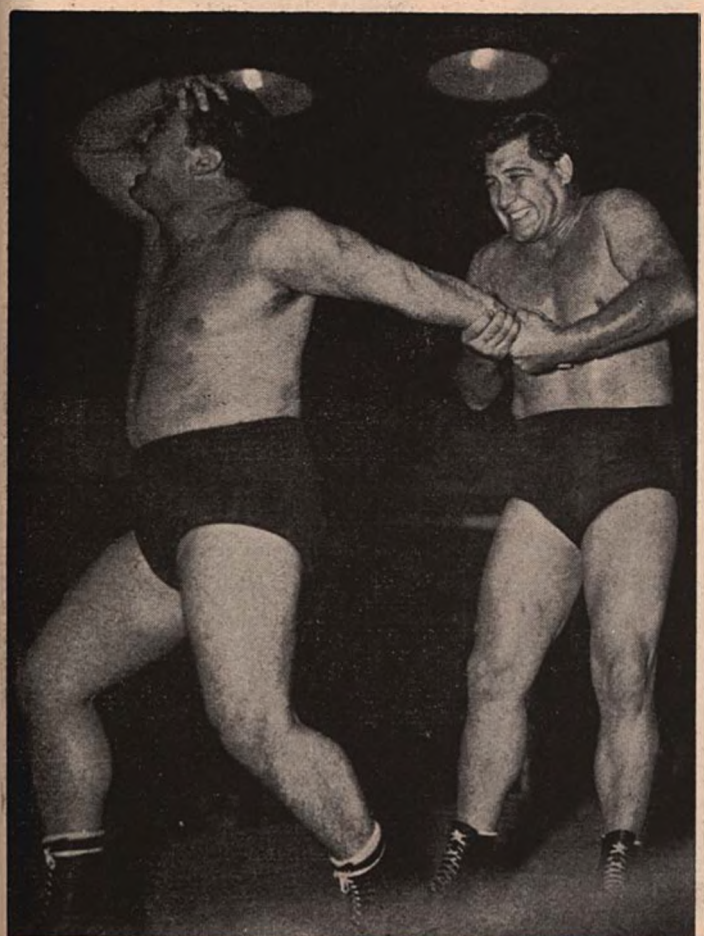
The second match was a two out of three fall affair featuring Carlos Milano and Gordo Chihuahua. Chihuahua wasn't in the ring for more than sixty seconds before he began to draw the jeers of the crowd. The period in which the rules are reviewed and the wrestlers checked over lasted twice as long as it normally does with Gordo being his usual, difficult self. There was almost a pre-bout match between the referee and Chihuahua. Finally when the match got under way it was a contest between Milano's scientific skill and Chihuahua's "make-up-the-rules-as-you-go-along" type of wrestling with science winning at the end of 14:17.

MINNESOTA MAT ANALYSIS
By NORMAN H. KIETZER

Minneapolis saw Verne Gagne defeat Crusher Lisowski and thus cement his claim on the American Wrestling Alliance's version of the world heavyweight championship.

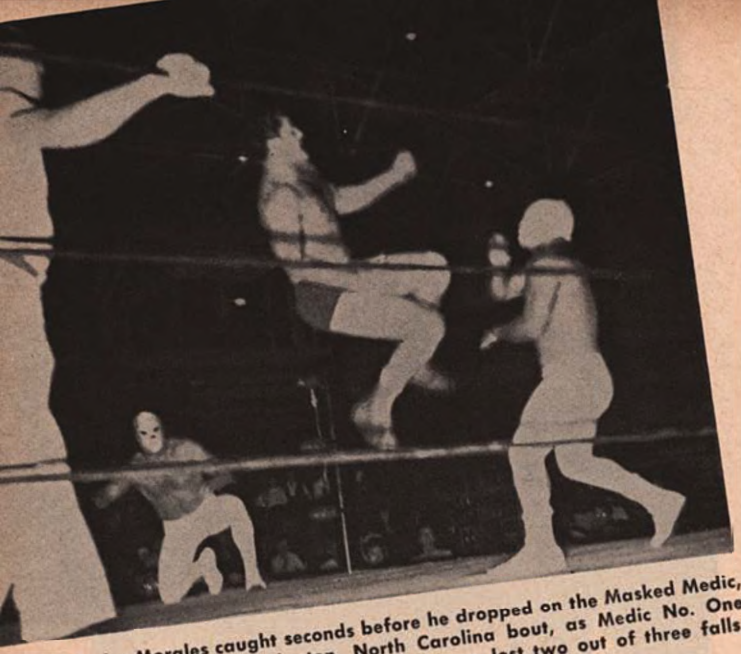
The World Midget Championship changed hands twice recently. Pee Wee Lopez lost the title to Marcel Semard who in turn lost it to Pee Wee Lopez. The midgets are some of the most enjoyable showmen in wrestling.

The top wrestlers in Minnesota right now are Verne Gagne, Crusher Lisowski, Bill Miller, Mitsu Arakawa, Larry Henning,

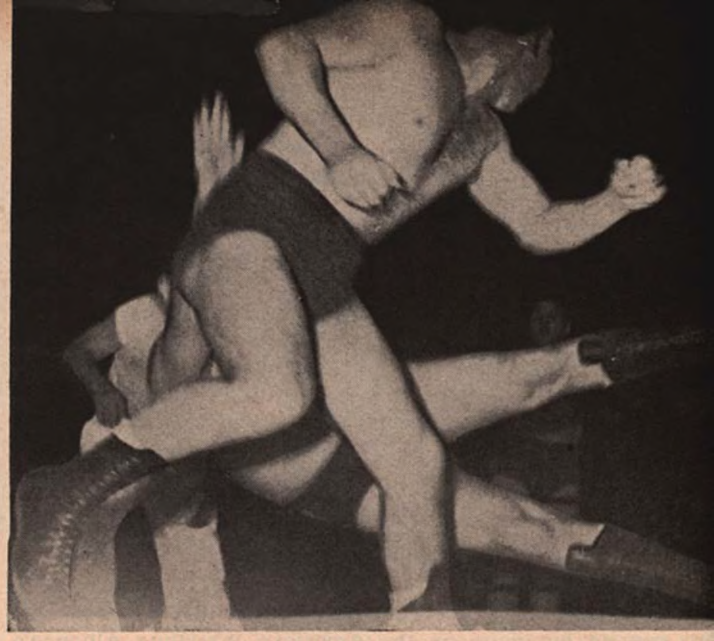


Fred Blassie gives the works to Stu Gibson in this wild bout caught by camera of Bob Utter. Stu appears to be having trouble keeping his hand out of the pot. Blassie won after wearing down Stu with these painful tactics.

Eric Pomeroy, 235 pounder from St. Johns, Newfoundland, is a leading figure in singles matches as well as half of the highly rated tag team with Ray Andrews, who is also a top performer.

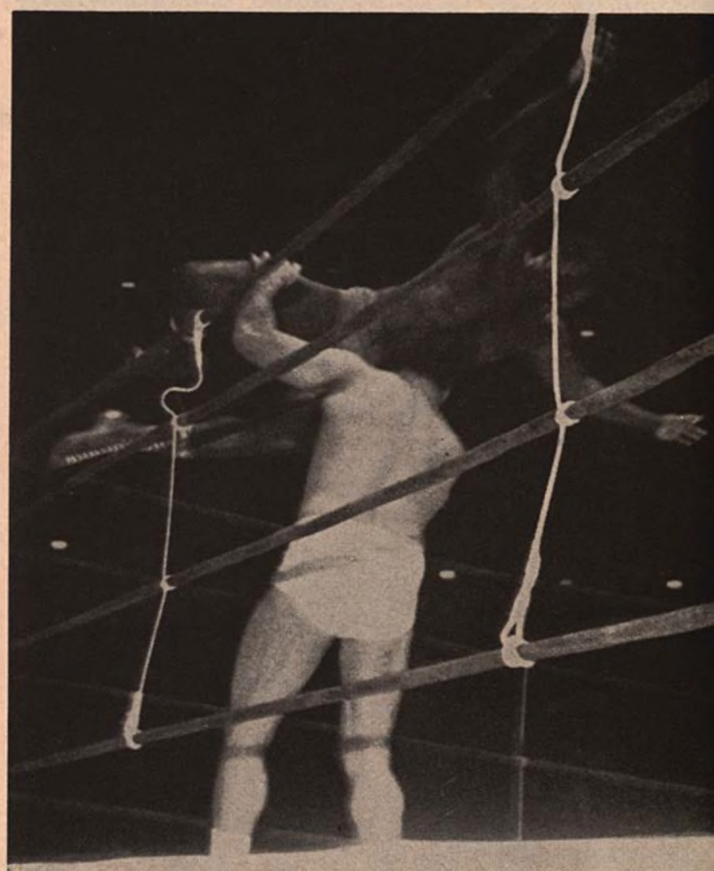


Pedro Morales caught seconds before he dropped on the Masked Medic, Number Two, in Lexington, North Carolina bout, as Medic No. One looks on. Pedro won the fall but his team lost two out of three falls. Photo by Gene Gordon.



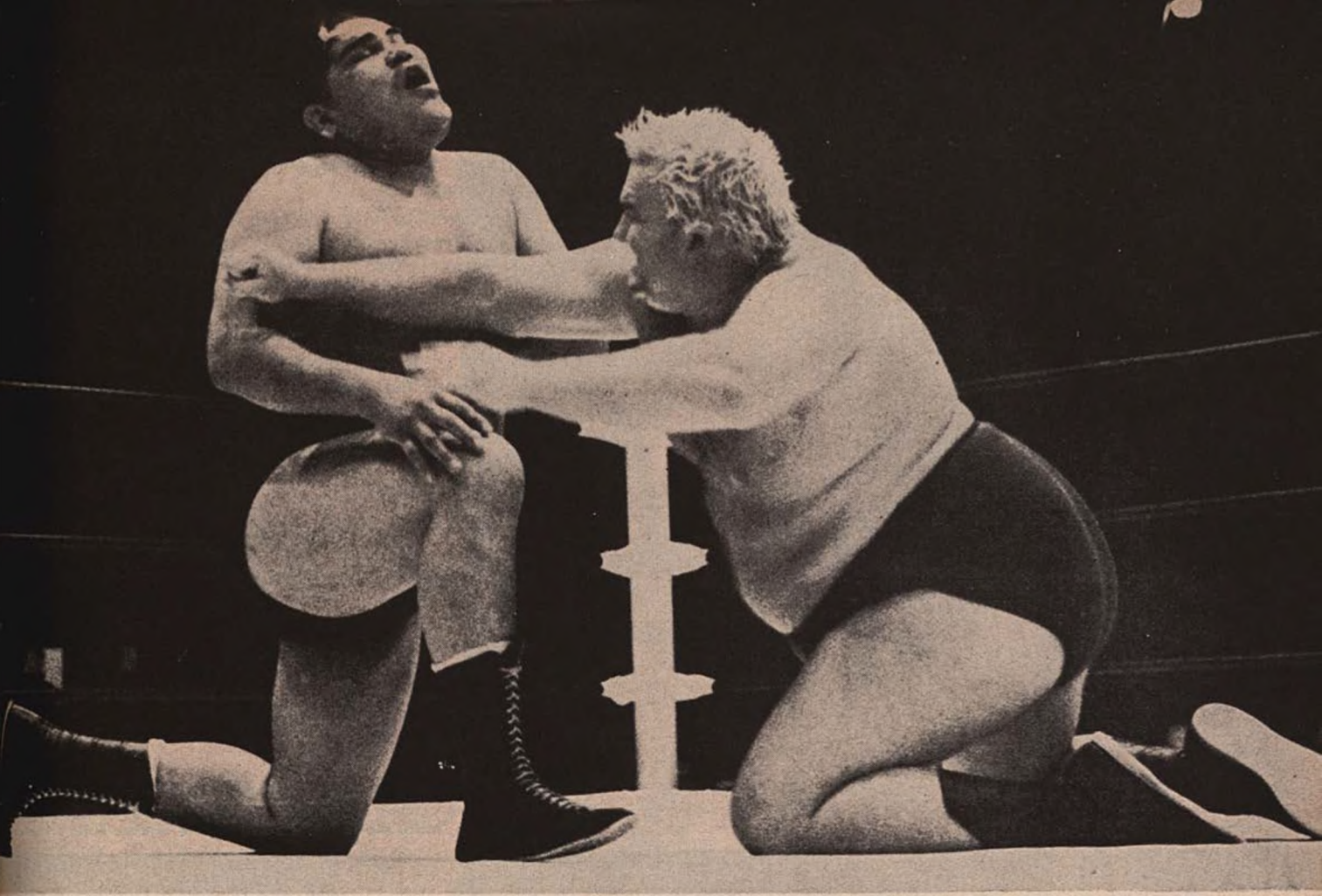
Steve Bolus is seen belting Tinker Todd to the canvas with an elbow smash in match that sent Steve's stock soaring.

Wild Tag team action as Chris Averoff and P. Y. Chong (in corner) go into spirited slugfest with George Becker and Sandy Scott, who emerged victorious.



Dory Dixon shows agility and speed of feet to outdazzle the colorfu Magnificent Maurice in match that was fast all the way. Note the positio of Dory as he is about to land on Maurice. He began movement by leapin high above the top rope.

The Kentuckians looked good as they won over The Bolos in match which aroused the big house. Action took place in Southern ring. Photo by Gene Gordon.



A bigger and heavier Dr. Jerry Graham, master of the sleeping hold, trades smashes with Chief Big Heart in Halifax, N.S. Bout was won by Graham, two out of three falls. Jerry surprised the Chief coming off the ropes and gave him a quick airplane spin and body stomp which ended in a body press to win the third and final pin.

Renee Goulet, Moose Evans, Tiny Mills, Maurice La Pointe, Marquis De Pare, and Tony Manousos.

Mitsu Arakawa, who last month saw Nebraska bar his Karate chop, this month saw another one of his weapons taken from him when the state of Nebraska barred his pre match salt throwing ceremony. It seems that Mitsu was using more of the salt on opponents eyes than in the ceremony. Arakawa also had another first when his actions were so unorthodox that he was disqualified in a no-disqualification match.

Reggie Parks is rapidly becoming a star in the midwest. He recently polished off Mitsu Arakawa in a series of matches. He is the top gun in Nebraska. Rocky Hamilton holds a similar position down Iowa way. It looks like Verne Gagne will have to face challenges from these two in the near future.

I would like to congratulate Wally Karbo on the benefit cards which he has put on for the Boys Club, Toys For Tots, American Legion, Amateur Athlete Aid Fund, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and local Jaycees. The Minneapolis Wrestling Club has done more for worthwhile organizations than any other sports promotion in the area. Since 1933, when the late Tony Stecher established big time wrestling in Minnesota, the club has proved an excellent member of the community.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA
By RENE YORK

Fans at Phoenix, Arizona's Madison Square Garden have seen a series of bloody championship matches. Promoters Ernie Mohamed and Al Fenn have been giving Arizona's State Champion, Don "Bulldog" Kent a steady stream of top contenders for his title. So far Kent has defeated Tito Montez, Ham Lee, Don Arnold, and Ken Lucas.

Newcomer Omar Atlas is showing much promise. A former weight-lifter from Venezuela, his lightning drop kicks being a most powerful weapon, and making him a strong contender for Don "Bulldog" Kent's belt.

The present State Tag Team Champions are Tito Montez and Pancho Pico. Montez and Pico defeated Hans Steiner and Sugi Yamamoto in a series of wild and bloody battles inside and outside the ring.

Fans were startled by the complete about face of Ken Lucas from a villian to a good guy. Lucas is now engaging in bloody battles with his former tag team partner Hans Steiner. Lucas and Steiner are former holders of the Arizona State Tag Team title.

The Mad Mongol still remains as one of the toughest grapplers we've seen in a long time. Mongol uses double judo chops to win most of his matches throughout the state.

Ray Durran, a veteran of more than twenty years on the mat, is competing with the best in our area.

Ham Lee, popular Chinese grappler has been winning many fans here with his scientific style of wrestling.

El Grand Lotario currently grappling in the San Francisco, California, area is missed by his legion of fans here.

Cowboy Bradley, a top flight midget wrestler, has just arrived here. Bradley informed us he has spent a total of ten years on the mat.

Some of the wrestlers appearing here in the past months have been: Dick Dunn, Alberto Soto, Kenny Ackles, Blas Corona, The Great Dane, Jackie Yung, The Chiropractor and Rudy Topez.

The cane wielding manager is Leo Newman and his charge is none other than Rasputin. This 275 pound giant has been devastating opposition and only Leo "Evil Eye" Newman is said to be able to control the mad stomper. Rasputin is reported to be a renegade Monk who hates everyone.

Wrestling is presented twice weekly on Monday and Friday nights at Phoenix Madison Square Garden. One hour of live wrestling can be seen on KPHO TV, channel 5, every Monday night.

WRESTLING FROM THE NATION'S CAPITOL
By FRED RUBENSTEIN

Washington wrestling hit a new high due to the long awaited climax of Ring Wrestling's elimination tourney held late in the month at the Capitol Arena. If you were one of the fortunate fans who saw it in person or watched it over T.V. you know how it ended.

The bout was set for 1 Fall To A Finish. The contestants: Gorilla Monsoon vs. Killer Austin. Well, all the time Monsoon needed was 1 minute flat. Austin charged Monsoon before the bell rang, but what normally would have crippled a regular wrestler had no effect on the ponderous Monsoon. The Gorilla body-slammed Austin 3 times and then delivered the coupe 'de grace which on this occasion was a "big splash" and that was that. . . .

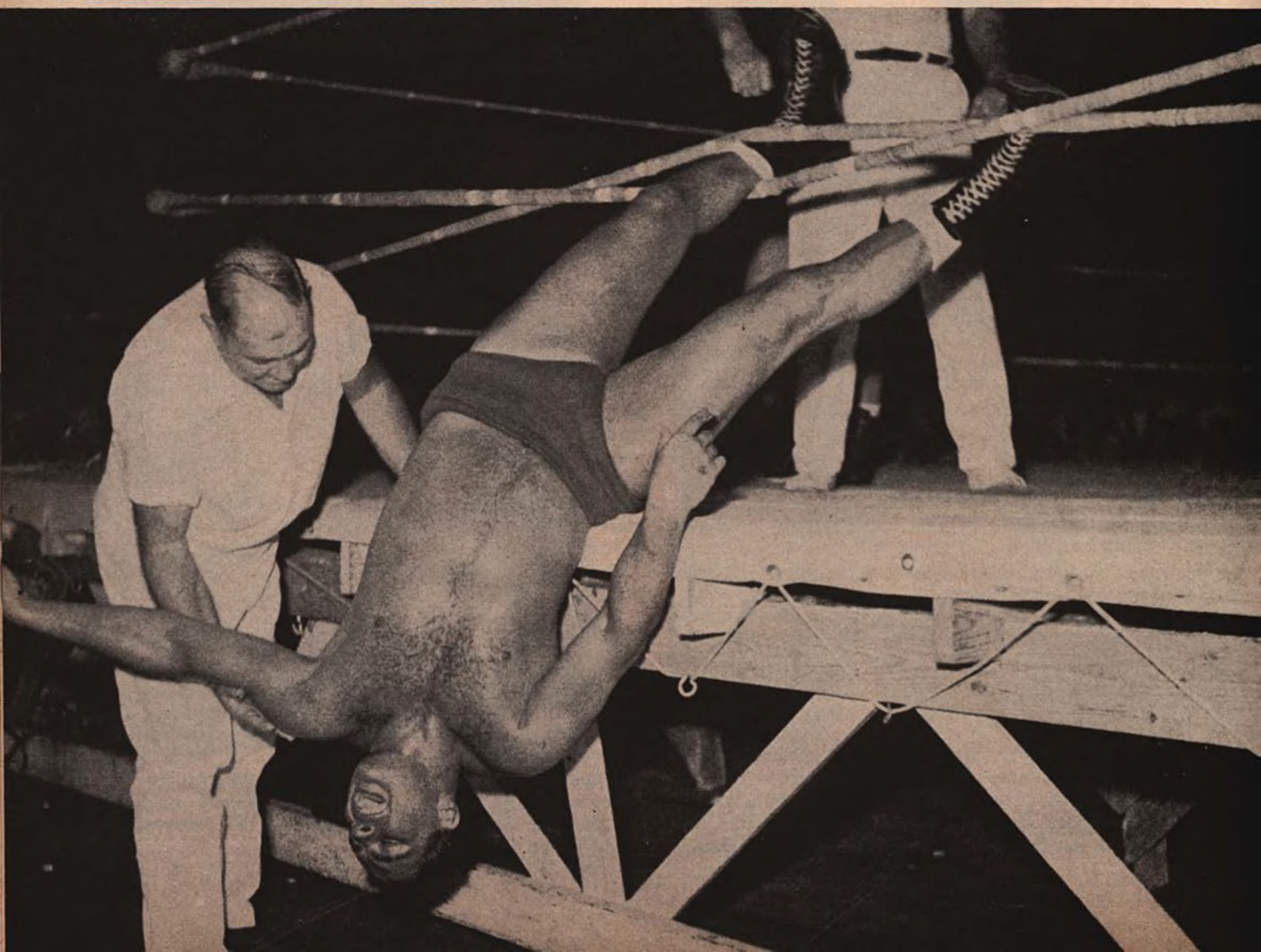
Results from the surrounding D.C. Area:

Killer Austin demolished Tim Woods; Ronny Reed beat Joe Quinones; Reed returned the following week to defeat Pedro Rodriguez.

At Uline:

Bobo Brazil and Bruno Sammartino drew with Skull Murphy and Brute Bernard; The Shadow beat Arnie Skoaland; The

Johnny Tolos appears to be singing "Mammy", but in reality this exclusive Ring photo catches Johnny pleading for help from ring second during a Houston, Texas match. It took two men to release John's foot.



Kangaroos lost to the combo of Tim Woods and Pedro Morales; Joe Quinones dropped a one fall affair to Vittorio Apollo; Dory Dixon returned to be successful in defeating Gene Kelly in 1 fall action.

ON THE BEAM
By PAUL BEAM

Springfield, Mo. at the Shrine Mosque

The main event of this card saw Mr. Sasaki and the Great Bolo emerge victorious over Big Bill Watts and Jerry Kozak.

Watts took the first fall in 9 minutes with a flying scissors.

Mr. Sasaki scored the second fall over Watts with a series of Judo chops after 13 minutes of action.

The Great Bolo pinned Jerry Kozak to take the third fall when Watts accidentally knocked the referee out of the ring.

In the semi-final event Judy Grable and Betty Boucher took 2 out 3 falls to defeat Lola Garcia and Olga Martinez.

In other action Jerry Kozak took 12½ minutes to down Mr. Sesaki with a rolling jackknife.

Olga Martinez defeated Judy Grable in 14 minutes.

Indianapolis, Ind. at the Armory

Wilbur Snyder and Dick the Bruiser regained a version of the world tag team title from The Masked Terror and Cyclone Negro. The Bruiser took 12 minutes to pin the Terror for the first fall. In the second fall The Terror and Negro turned on each other, The Terror left for the dressing-room, and Snyder pinned Negro.

Brute "Mr. Kleen" Belkas took two straight falls from Saul Von Brauner and Czaya Nandor downed Steve Zolo in his Indianapolis debut after 14 minutes of action .

Emile Dupre dumped Paul Richard in 17 minutes while Bob Bruce gained a victory over Guy Mitchell in 14 minutes.

MEMPHIS WRESTLING NEWS
By H. W. HARRIS

Karl and Skull Von Stroheim, the rugged German brothers, have finally been conquered. For several months they have held the NWA Southern tag champion belts. The new tag team champions are the Fabulous Jackie Fargo and Mario Milano, who won the belts in Chattanooga, Tenn., and then came to Memphis the next week and again defeated Karl and Skull.

Other matches saw the popular Sam Steamboat defeat Alex Perez. On the same card Tojo Yamamoto, the Japanese and Ivan Malenkov of Russia teamed up as tag partners and were successful in defeating Len Rossi and Tex Riley.

The following week Don "Lawman" Slatten (the tall Texan with the big six-gun) defeated Alex Perez. Rocky Montero pinned Chris Belkas. Jo Ann Phillips defeated Mae Goodner in a close match.

Betty Boucher, facing camera, slams The Fabulous Moolah to concrete during wild brawl that got out of hand when both girls lost their heads. After slipping out of ring they continued action on stadium floor. Moolah came back strong to win.

Skull Von Stroheim was defeated by Sam Steamboat the Hawaiian champion, who now makes Memphis his home. Len Rossi, from Italy, teamed with Tex Riley and defeated Tojo Yamamoto and Ivan Malenkov.

The final card for the month saw Jackie

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THE MAT WORLD

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Fargo and Mario Milano put their newly acquired title on the line against Tojo Yamamoto and Ivan Malenkov. When the battle was over, Fargo and Milano were still the champions.

Len Rossi and Greek star Jesse James met Lord Blair of England and Tizar Joe Tomasso of New York. Len Rossi and Jesse James won by disqualification. Also Alex Perez won over Joe Lanza.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WRESTLING
By ROBERT MURILLO

The 1963 wrestling year ended with Roy Shire holding strong in Northern California. No new wrestling promoters are moving in on Shire's wrestling empire.

The 1963 year saw the U.S. belt change hands three times, first Ray Stevens beat Pepper Gomez for the belt in January, and then Wilbur Snyder took the title from Ray Stevens in April at the Cow Palace, and Ray Stevens regained the title from Wilbur Snyder in June at San Francisco.

Pepper Gomez and Jose Lathario are holders of the A.W.A. world tag team championship, California version. Gomez and Lathario have beaten Mitsu Arakawa and Kinji Shibuya; Art and Stan Neilson; Dick The Bruiser and Ray Stevens; Fritz Von Goering and Mike Paidousos; Ed Miller and The Masked Spoiler; their next opponents will be Jim and Jack Dalton, who are rated number 3 in the "Ring Magazine".

Here are some results in the California mat rings. Don DeNucci won over Stan Neilson; Pat O'Connor beat Ray Stevens but did not win the title; Dick The Bruiser beat Red Bastain; Dick Steinborn pinned The Great Pampero; Ed Carpentier cut down the 325 Masked Spoiler; Pepper Gomez won over Robert Duranton.

Andre Drapp beat Oscar Verdue; Kalu Kolney beat Chief Kit Fox; Jose Lathario upset Ray Stevens on disqualification; Joe Scarpello beat Johnny Venus; Don DeNucci pinned Kalu Kolney; Jose Lathario beat Paul Diamond; Andre Drapp vs. Rip Collins drew.

Pepper Gomez cut down Jack Dalton; Don DeNucci upset The Great Pampero; Joe Scarpello beat Pepper Martin; Guy Brunetti pinned rough Rip Collins; Joe Brunetti upset The Spoiler; Kalu Kolney judo chopped Dan O'Shocker into defeat; Rip Collins upset Andre Drapp; Dick Steinborn side surfboard on The Great Pampero for a win; Mike Paidousos was too rough for Chief Kit Fox; Dick Steinborn upset Robert Duranton with the side surfboard.

Pat O'Connor beat Big Ed Miller, Dick Steinborn outwrestled the Masked Spoiler for a win; Dick The Bruiser pounded a victory over Andre Drapp; Dick Steinborn stopped Stan Neilson; Jose Lathario pinned Big Ed Miller; Don DeNucci beat Masked Spoiler; Mike Paidousos beat Johnny Venus for a quick win, all results are from San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento wrestling rings.

EASTERN WRESTLING NEWS
By STUART SARETT

Doctor Jerry Graham never had it so good. His opponent, Bruno Sammartino, was laying in agony on the Madison Square Garden canvas and the 12,000 fans present watching as Graham leaped off the top strand. But while the diabolical doc was flying for Bruno's anatomy, the Italian hero shook a leg and moved away so the jolly blonde knee-dropped the mat. Poor Bruno is still recovering from Graham's tactics so he didn't try to pin the fat man. But everything turned out alright—Graham had injured his knee and couldn't continue.

In the preliminaries: Bobo Brazil drew with Gorilla Monsoon, Miguel Perez and Pedro Morales disposed of Skull Murphy and Brute Bernard in two straight, the Tolos flattened the Kangaroos, Killer Kowalski pinned Hans Mortier, Argentine Apollo whipped Magnificent Maurice, Dory Dixon outclassed Boris Malenko, and Klondike Bill gobbled up Tim Woods.

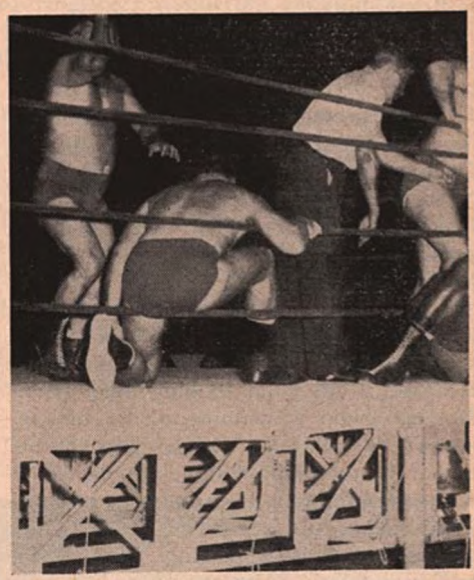
At the Teaneck Armory, a delighted throng witnessed Chris and John Tolos win the "U.S. Tag Team Championship" from the mighty duo of Killer Kowalski and Gorilla Monsoon—in two straight! The Tolos used speed, science, and their own brand of murder to enrage the giants who turned on each other. The first fall ended when the Tolos threw Monsoon into Kowalski. Both giants fell with Monsoon being pinned. Before Kowalski could arise, both Tolos piled on and the ref counted the pin! We'll all's fair in love, war, and wrestling, no? Between falls, Monsoon blew his top (if he has one) and stalked from the ring (after decking Kowalski) which left the Killer to battle it out himself. Kowalski seems to have lost interest in winning and was quickly pinned to everyone's approval. In the preliminaries: Jerry Graham pulled out a win over Argentine Apollo who has a feud with him, the Kangaroos drew Pedro Morales and Miguel Perez, Tony Marino whipped Louis Torres, and midgets Farmer Pete and Irish Jackie won over Sky Low Low and Billy the Kid.

Fans may be puzzled when they read results from Boston and Chicago and find the East's top stars losing to nobodies. These results are the author's mistakes. Chicago and Boston promoters are creating cheap imitations of the real stars and so we have Dory Nixon, Hobo Brazil, Bruno San Martino, the Great Mortimer, and other such trash.

TV RESULTS: Jerry Graham and Gorilla Monsoon whipped the Kangaroos in two straight, the Tolos beat Skull Murphy and Brute Bernard in two straight, Arnold Skoaaland took ref's decisions over Skull Murphy and The Shadow, and Argentine Apollo shaded Klondike Bill in two straight.

Tony Marino has switched from the WBA to the WWWF . . . The debut of Don McClarity is being eagerly awaited . . . Contrary to reports, John Valentine has not returned to the East.

WBA NEWS—



THE GALLAGHERS IN ACTION

Confusion is the only word one can tag to the WBA. Promotional and transportation difficulties are causing "come-go" appearances of the stars WBA fans want to see! Ellis, the Gallaghers, Hanson, Hawk, and others were given some interviews, were seen against mediocre grapplers, and then vanished! The same fate seems to have befallen Lanza, Becker, and Cannon.

At this writing, only Barend, the Hesses, and Rocca are regular stars. Walker, Fox, Montana, and Ortiz are other wrestlers who get to have their say in words and/or action. But they're certainly not among the elite that the WBA promised (Lyons, Bruiser, Thesz, Moto, Blassie, Rogers, and the Sheik—none of whom showed up.) Something better happen to perk up interest or Rocca fans may never see him again!

MATSIDE EUROPE
By CHARLES MASCALL

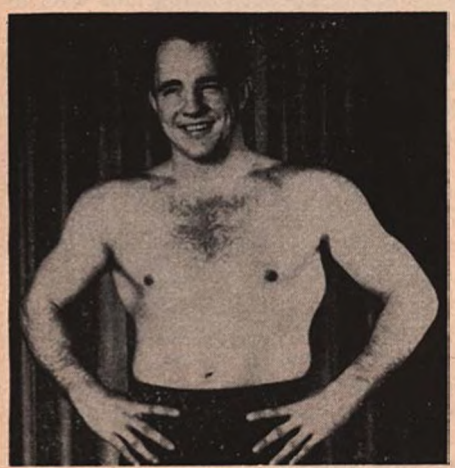
Off on a world tour shortly goes "Wild" Ian Campbell, the Official Heavyweight Champion of Scotland. Campbell, bewhiskered, towers a mere six-foot-four into the heavens and tips the scales at just over the 300-pound mark. Campbell, Scottish to the core, will open his tour 'round the globe in South Africa under the banner of the famed Springbok promoter Johan 'Bull' Hefer. . . . Reverend Michael Brooks, a Minister of the Methodist Church, who has a parish in South West Africa, is a recent arrival in the British Isles. He made his English television debut last month

against Chic Purvey, the Official Middleweight Champion of Scotland. . . . Johnny Kostas, the barefooted modern day 'Golden Greek' follows closely in the Londos tradition.

Kostas is back in Great Britain after hopping all over Europe for the past six months. . . . Handsome George Drake, the husky 'Catalina Comet' from California, currently braving a European winter, spent his Christmas vacation 'seeing the sights' in Rome, Italy. . . .

Rikki Starr, the ballet dancer turned wrestler, has been on a grand tour of Europe. . . . Gerry De Jager, the fastest dropkicker in present day wrestling, is one of the most popular heavyweights in Europe. De Jager, who comes from South Africa, often 'teams up' with another African, Frikki Alberta, a bearded husky, and together they form the fastest team combination in Europe. . . .

Critical eyes at the European matside are watching the progress being made on the mat by a new Irish heavyweight Sean Reagan, a tall good looking Gael from Donegal, who is winning plenty of fan support of both sexes. Reagan hopes to be one of the competitors in the famous *Gustl Kaiser International Tournaments* in Germany later this year. . . . 'Tag Team' wrestling was seen recently on English television for the first time. Two of the top 'Tag Teams' in the British Isles are Vic Faulkner and his brother Bert Royal of Bolton, and Mick McManus with his partner Steve Logan of London.



VERNE GAGNE

OMAHA, NEBRASKA
By JAYE L. HUEY

Promoter-Matchmaker, Mr. Joe Dusek.

In the opening event of one fall-20 minute time limit, Jack Pesek defeated Tiny Mills in 16:05, with an abdominal stretch.

The special event of one fall, 30 minute time limit, saw "Mad Dog" Maurice Vaschone defeat Maurice LaPointe, in 9:20 total time, by using a series of "Mad Dog" attacks, biting and eye gouging, etc. and a body press.

In a semi-final, two out of three falls, 45 minute time limit, Mitsu Arakawa, defeated Duke Hoffman, in 20:48 using Karate thrusts and the stomach claw.

The main event was a world's heavyweight championship title match scheduled for best two out of three falls with a 60-minute time limit. AWA World Champion, Verne Gagne, met the No. 1 contender, Reggie Parks.

Parks took the first fall, in 11:12, then in the second fall Verne Gagne was disqualified at 8:55.

Reggie won the match—but since a title cannot exchange hands on a disqualification, Gagne is still the champ.

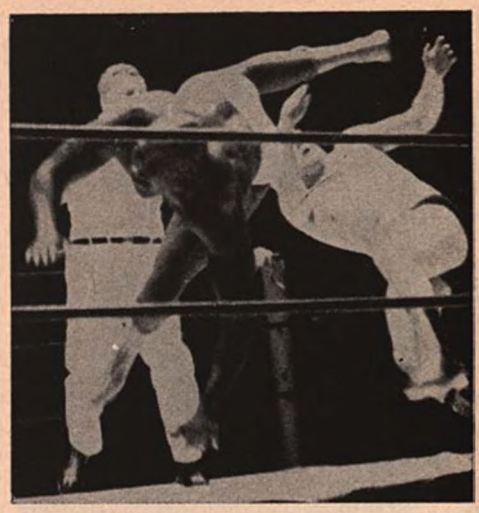
ST. LOUIS WRESTLING
By LARRY MATYSIK

A pair of very exciting and important main events headlined the St. Louis mat activities for the month, as world champion Lou Thesz put his title on the line against the brilliant star from Germany, Karl Gotch, and, on another card, wildman Dick "The Bruiser" tangled with his avowed enemy and highly-rated competitor, Wilbur Snyder.

The wily mat veteran, Thesz, needed all of his vast experience to edge the powerful Gotch. The 232-pound titlist won the initial fall with a perfectly-executed reverse cradle hold after some lightning-fast action. Thesz began to rough up the 240-pound Gotch in the second fall, but the fabulous Teuton mat man zoomed back to take the fall with his deadly atomic suplex hold. The tough Thesz was forced to grab the ropes time and again to keep from being caught in the suplex in the final fall. Finally Thesz clamped onto the ropes while the beloved Gotch tried desperately to pull him away. Referee Joe Schoenberger began kicking Thesz' hands until Lou suddenly released his grip and tumbled back on top of Gotch. Karl got the full impact of the fall on his head, and was knocked unconscious. Thesz rolled on him for the decisive pin.

Where the Thesz-Gotch setto was mainly scientific and sportsmanlike, the brawl between the Bruiser and Snyder was just the opposite. Early in the bout, the rugged Snyder opened a gash over the Reno Renegade's left eye. Bruiser relied on his kicking and slugging tactics, but met a roadblock as the popular California star blasted back with the same. Twice the Nevada killer escaped Snyder's abdominal stretch by reaching the ropes.

More than once both bombers tumbled from the ring and brawled outside. After one of these happenstances, Snyder got back into the squared circle and began hitting Bruiser with vicious flying tackles. Then the "mean one" ducked and the popular Snyder was catapulted head-first into the steel ring post and stunned long enough for Bruiser to flop on him for the pin, much to the ire of the Kiel Auditorium patrons.



Snyder sends Dick spinning from one of his "flying drop kicks" during the "roughhouse match".

The undercard to the Thesz-Gotch match had several bouts which could have been main events. In one, colorful "Cowboy" Bob Ellis suffered a bad cut on his forehead, but still had enough to bulldog riotous Rip Hawk into defeat.

The masked "Mighty Hercules" debuted against local ace John Paul Henning, and was disqualified after a rough bout for using knee drops on Henning's throat. Huge 280-pound "Big Bill" Miller battled speedy Wilbur Snyder to a sizzling twenty-minute draw.

In a tag struggle, the flashy pair of Joe Tangaro and Lorenzo Parente notched two straight falls over big Stan Stasiak and stocky Mark Starr. Ray Stern injured his left knee in the opener against Ray Gordon and was unable to continue, but Gordon refused the win so the bout was called a no-contest.

The preliminaries to the Bruiser-Snyder Pier-sixer were just as thrilling. In the tag team semi-final, the fabulous team of "Cowboy" Bob Ellis and John Paul Henning blasted Rip Hawk and "Big Bill" Miller in two straight falls. After Miller and Hawk were disqualified in the first fall, Ellis ended things by pinning Hawk with his famed bulldog headlock. The Prussian mauler, Fritz "The Claw" Von Erich, used his feared Iron Claw hold to down crafty Ronnie Etchison in a special match. Improving Reggie Parks battled tough Angelo Poffo to a draw. Rocky Montero was disqualified against Lorenzo Parente. Ray Gordon upset Cyclone Negro in the curtain-raiser.

Many new faces are being anticipated in 1964. Promoter Sam Muchnick is anticipating the returns of idol Johnny Valentine and rugged youngster Bobby Graham, while the debut of gigantic Shohei Baba is being awaited. Czaya "Bob" Nander debuted in a TV match against the Bruiser, and held him for twenty minutes before injuring his shoulder and going down to defeat.

EXPERTS FAVOR LISTON

(Continued from page 13)

THIS ONE NOT SO BRIEF

By Jack Hand

Associated Press

Liston will retain the crown but the fight will go a lot longer than did Liston's defense against Patterson.

Clay will move faster and stay away from Liston much more than did Patterson, who attempted to hold his ground and even meet the champ head on and batter it out with him.

Clay can block better than did Patterson and will not let pride take the place of common sense . . . he will run if need be.

Clay has been building up physically and is much more sturdy and solid than when he fought Doug Jones in what was picked by many experts as The Fight of The Year.

Somewhere along the line Liston figures to slow down Clay and get to him and when that happens the end will be in sight.

Liston's age could catch up with him if the fight goes too far. If this happens the fight could go fifteen rounds to a decision with Liston the winner.

A LINE ON LISTON

By Frank Graham

Veteran Columnist, N. Y. Journal-American

Absurd as it seems to have Liston and Clay fight for the heavyweight championship of the world, it may not turn out to be such a bad idea, at that.

We may find out how good a fighter Liston is—or how bad. So far his record, basically, consists of a decision over Eddie Machen and two knockouts over a tumble bunny who, by the way, emerged from both encounters without a bloody nose, a blue eye, a split or a welt on the chin.

So let Liston and Clay fight. We may learn something.

By Jack Cuddy

United Press—International Expert

I can be very specific in picking the winner of the Sonny Liston-Cassius Clay fight. Whether the camp performances of Sonny and Cassius will change my mind, I do not know.

As of now, I pick the big, strong and explosive champion to knock out the speedy but good target. Cassius, at 1:58 of the fourth round, after having him on the deck three times.

Clay is fast on his feet for a heavyweight and may be able to evade the champion's "fencing-in" tactics for three or four rounds, meanwhile throwing some long left jabs.

But the champ ultimately will fence him into a corner or against the ropes and begin smashing him to the canvas with lefts and rights. Sonny is a great two-handed puncher.

CASSIUS IS NIMBLE

By Jersey Joe Walcott

Former Heavyweight Champion

Cassius is nimble. Cassius can hoof it. Cassius is a better fighter than generally is figured.

Remember how close I came to taking the title from Joe Louis? I was the 10 to 1 underdog.

Remember how Schmeling stopped Louis, and how, when they met again, Joe murdered Max in the first round?

Remember how I had the fight with Marciano in Philadelphia, only to see the whole thing go topsy turvy in the thirteenth?

Clay has a chance. His legs and his youth may carry him a lot farther than the experts figure.

HE SEES A FAST FINISH

By Sam Taub

Veteran Fight Expert

Like many others who have been affiliated with boxing for more than half a century, I admit that I am more than puzzled over how to appraise Clay. I feel that Clay hardly belongs in the same ring with Liston.

How great is Liston? Off the two quick finishes in the Patterson melees, he looks unbeatable. Yet there is a feeling in the minds of many experts that Liston still has to prove his greatness.

Clay, whom many believe to be a year or two away, had a few good fights to his credit, his knockout over Archie Moore for one. Yet his two New York scraps, with Billy Daniels and Doug Jones, left many ringsiders wondering about him . . . He got a t.k.o. over Daniels after being given quite a tussle, and many of us felt that Jones had the edge, albeit Clay won the ten round duke.

Sonny figures to take his man out as quickly.

MARSHALL ENCOURAGES CASSIUS

By Marty Marshall

Who Beat Liston

I met Liston three times. I beat him in an eight round fight in Detroit in September 1954, and broke his jaw. He stopped me in 1955 and I went ten with him in 1956.

Liston can be hurt. He can be beaten. His hands are not too fast for a heavyweight.

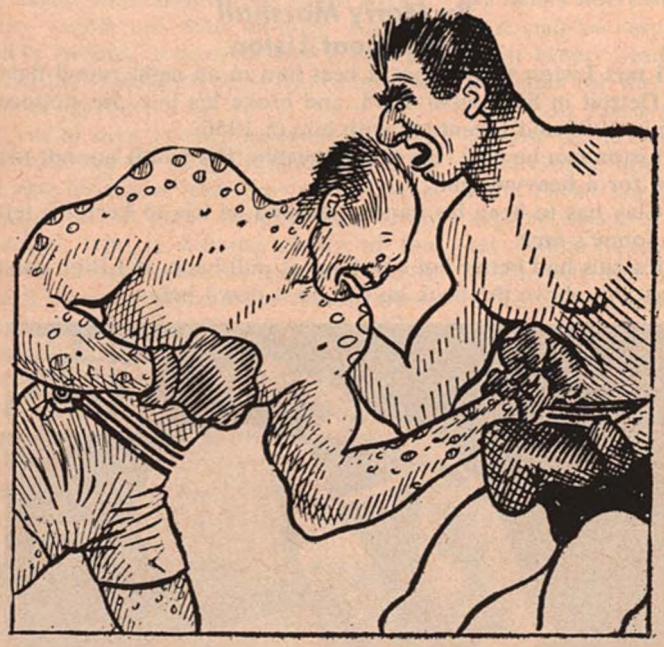
Clay has to keep his hands high and he has to keep his left in Sonny's face.

Cassius had better not cover up or pull back. If Liston can't hurt you above the neck he can do it down below.

The above photos show Cassius being nailed with a long right hand thrown by Doug Jones in the first round of their bout last year in Madison Square Garden. Clay was staggered and sent spinning to the ropes but recovered and outfought Jones the rest of the way to win the fight. Can he survive if Sonny tags him?

SOLAR PLEXUS PUNCH NOT FITZ'S INVENTION

By NAT LOUBET



ON St. Patrick's Day in 1897, at Carson City, Nev., Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out Jim Corbett in the fourteenth round and became the heavyweight champion.

The blow with which the Cornishman polished off Gentleman Jim struck right in the pit of the stomach.

The medical term for this spot is the solar plexus. It is an important nerve centre and a severe punch to that locale will produce paralysis.

Reporting the fight for the New York Sun was the famous globe trotter Bob Davis. He wrote that Corbett had been stopped by a solar plexus punch.

This term never before had been used in fight reporting, probably because few title contests had been ended by solar plexus punches. Then again, Bob was a literate person. He also knew something about anatomy.

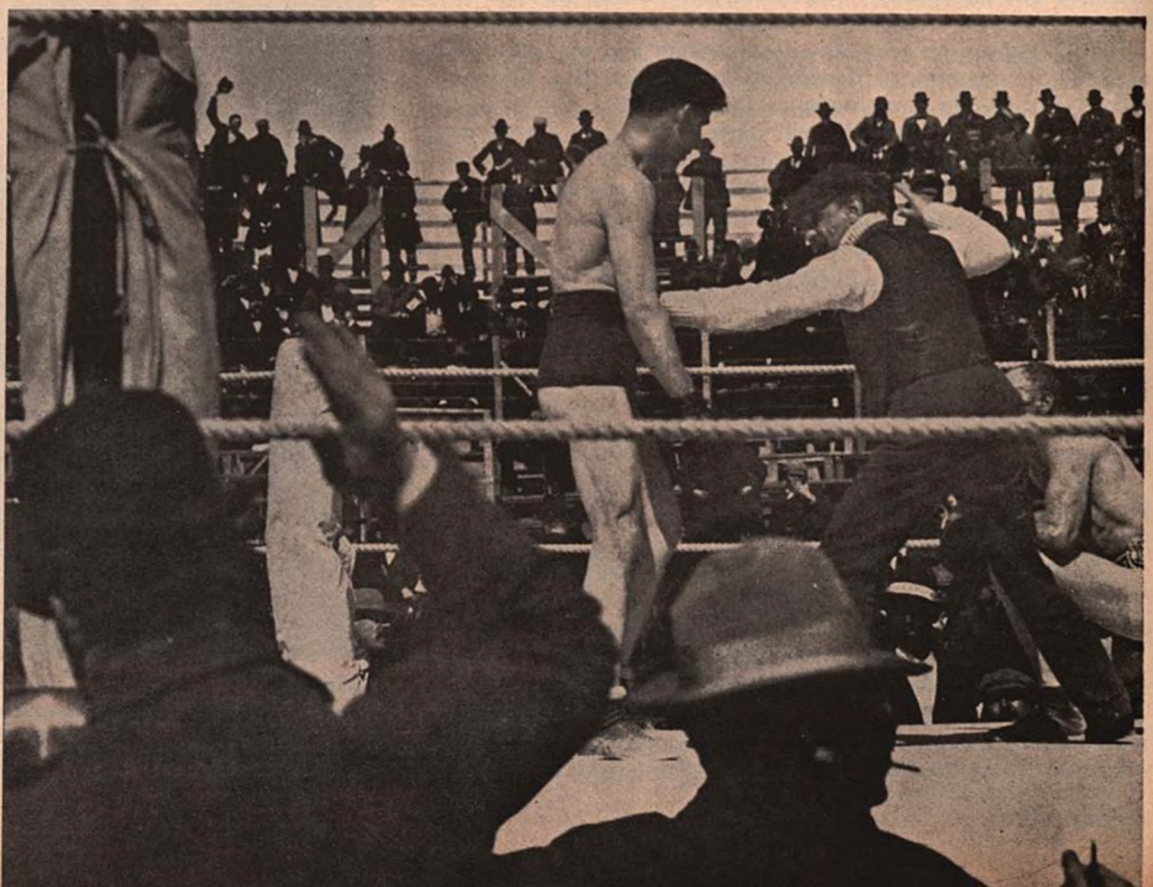
In any event, he created the impression that Fitzsimmons had invented the solar plexus punch that afternoon in Nevada.

Of course, the solar plexus punch had been used since the beginning of boxing.

Fitz explained that as the fourteenth round got under way he noticed that Jim was swinging rather wildly.

"I side stepped one of those wild ones," Bob said. "I was surprised to see so great a boxer do what he did. He left me a fine opening.

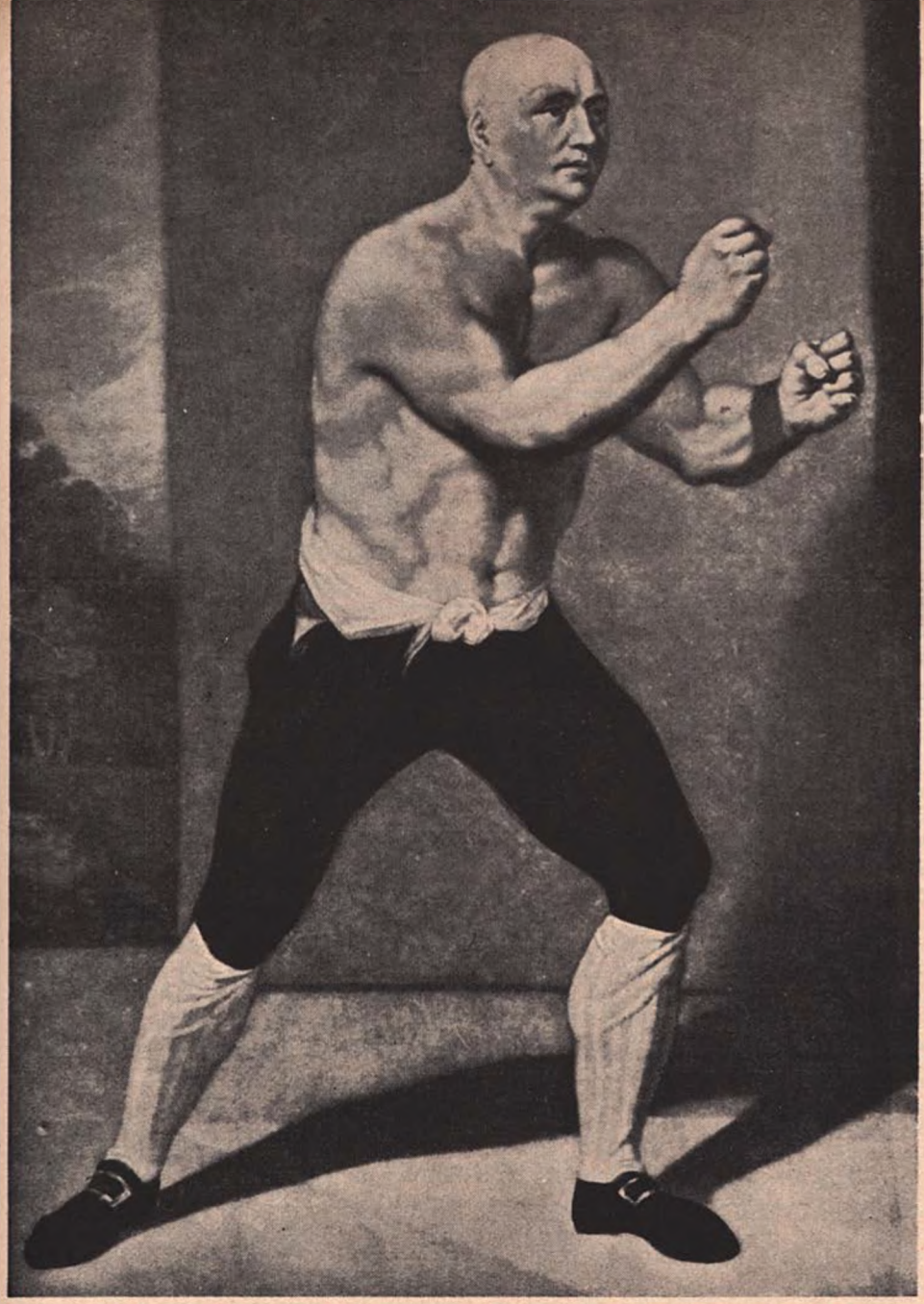
"I came in with a left hand shift on his wind, and without changing the position of my feet I shot that left to the jaw. That was the end. The blow to the pit of the stomach really



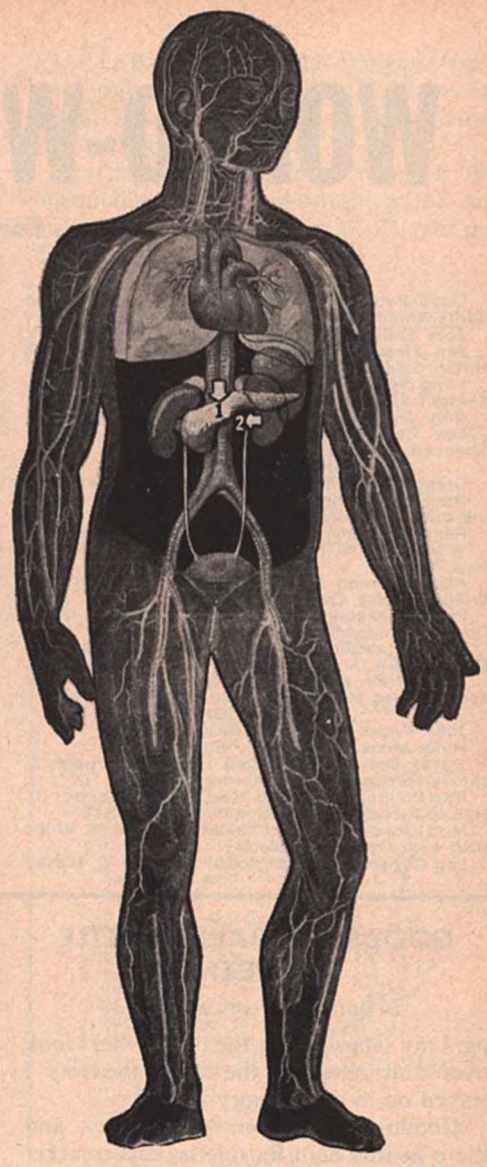
Above is a cartoonist's conception of the solar plexus punch with which Fitz beat Corbett. To the right is a shot of Fitzsimmons taking a count of nine in the sixth round. At that point the defending champion appeared to be certain of victory.

Corbett was 30 years old at the time, and weighed 183 pounds.

Freakish Fitz weighed only 167 and was four years older than Jim.



Jack Broughton, shown in excellent painting above, stood 5 feet, 11 inches and his fighting weight was 196 pounds. Broughton, preceeded by Figg and George Taylor, was recognized in 1729 as England's third champion and held the title until 1750 when Jack Slack's powerful blows between the eyes rendered him helpless.



Numbers 1 and 2 in the diagram above indicate the section where plexus of nerves stemming from the brain and spine are centered. Area is commonly referred to as the pit of the stomach. Here, the numerous nerves come together much as a number of wires are massed together in a coaxial cable. A properly placed blow to the spot does not cause unconsciousness, but its immediate effect is that of paralyzing the lower portion of the body.

did the job. The drive to the jaw finished it."

Fitzsimmons did not call it the solar plexus punch. He said that he had shifted "to the wind," a term now quite obsolete in ring parlance and fight reporting.

Ring tradition has it that the first heavyweight to use the solar plexus punch with telling effect was Jack Broughton, champion of England from 1729 to 1750. He is known as the Father of Boxing.

Broughton, who followed Jim Figg and George Taylor as champion, drew up the first set of ring rules. These were the basis for the much later Marquis of Queensborough code.

Jack Slack dethroned Broughton in a fight lasting only fourteen minutes. Then Broughton retired, leaving an estate of some $35,000 in American money, a vast fortune for a fighter in those days. Or these too, for that matter.

Now let us go back to Bob Fitzsimmons. He never again won a fight with the solar plexus punch. He made the first defense of his title in June 1899, at Coney Island, and he kept looking for another opening like the one he got at Carson City. But the Boilermaker, who had attended Corbett, refused to oblige. He stopped Fitz in the eleventh round.

In 1902, Ruby Robert got another title shot, and this time, at San Francisco, Jeff landed a haymaker in the eighth round.

That was the end of Fitzsimmons as a heavyweight contender. Soon he was stopped by Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, as a light heavyweight.

Let it be noted as a corollary in these times of return matches that Fitzsimmons did not give Corbett a chance to recover the championship. Robert could not forget the sixth round at Carson City.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending January 22, 1964

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Floyd Patterson returned to action and kayoed Sante Amonti, 8.

Zora Folley outpointed George Chuvalo, 10.

Jim Fletcher kayoed Dick Hamlett, 1. Hubert Hilton defeated Ray Batey, 8.

Lars Norling defeated Ray Patterson, 6. Joe Shelton kayoed Leslie Smith, 2.

Billy Joiner decisioned Lou Bailey, 10.

Lee Carr defeated Dick Greatorex, 6. Jack Spencerly kayoed Duke Maxwell, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Gregorio Peralta kayoed Telmo Gonzalez, 2.

Bernard Quellier won the French title by knocking out Paul Roux, 11.

Renato Moraes kayoed Moussa Sangaree, 3.

Wilhelm Von Homburg stopped Bob McKinney, 9.

Allen Harmon halted Lino Armenteros, 8. Ted Williams beat Charley O'Neil, 6.

Pekka Kokkonen kayoed Ray Cillien, 2. Peter Gumpert kayoed Daniel Leuillier, 3.

Bobby Rascon won over Kid Zacatecas, 10, and Charlie Hall, 6.

Dieter Hein kayoed Rolf Peters, 2. Weaver Gibson whipped Mad Dog Johnson, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Jose Torres defeated Joe Gonzalez, 10.

Holly Mims kayoed Billy Russell, 2.

Sugar Boy Nando kayoed Tommaso Truppi, 5. Jackie Harwood kayoed George Aldridge, 1.

Ray Phillippe defeated Marc Desfourneaux, 10. Harold Richardson decisioned Joe Shaw, 10.

Mutt Goodwin kayoed Takao Maemizo, 5. Willie Hart beat Orlando Paso, 8.

Lou Gutierrez kayoed Bobby Lassiter, 2. Masao Gondo defeated Fumio Kaizu, 12. Ed Spence stopped Kid Cody, 6.

Bruno Santini kayoed Billy DePriest, 2. Joe Louis Adair stopped Bob Simmons, 3.

Gene Robinson stopped Richie Smith, 5. Joe Spencer stopped Clyde Taylor, 6. Gene Coon defeated Isham Harris, 6.

WELTERWEIGHT

Mario Rositto defeated Bert Somodio, 10.

Gaspar Ortega beat Luis Garduno, 10.

Stan Hayward upset Dick Turner, 10.

Fred Galiana kayoed Tigre Amarquaye, 3. Fortunato Manca beat Robert Brysse, 8.

Sugar Cliff decisioned Willie James, 10. Francois Pavilla defeated Marcello Santucci, 10.

Johnny Kramer beat Nat Jacobs, 10, and Ernie Musso, 8.

Dick French stopped Tyrone Gardiner, 7, and beat Carl Jordan, 10.

Sammy Burgess won over Tom Dennis, 10. Cassius Ford whipped Eddie Fobbs, 6.

Bernie Forbes stopped Oscar Freeman, 2. Luis Santa Maria beat Arty Hayward, 6.

Oscar Miranda beat Navarro Paredes, 8. Tim Ford won from Jesse Humphries, 8.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Eddie Perkins retained his Junior Welterweight title by stopping Yoshinori Takahashi, 13.

Sandro Lopopolo decisioned Doug Vaillant, 10.

Giordano Camprari kayoed Mohamed ben Said, 5, but lost to Angel Garcia, 10.

Raul Rojas kayoed Al Medrano, 7.

Frankie Narvaez halted Tony LaBarbara, 5. Jorge Diaz kayoed Chihuahua Kid, 3.

Vic Andreeti and Chris Elliott drew, 8. Jesse Ammons stopped Willie Williams, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHT

World Champion Sugar Ramon defeated Vince Derado, 10. Don Johnson kayoed Mario Diaz, 4. Efren Jiminez decisioned Luis Ramirez, 10.

Yuji Masuko defeated Manzo Kikuchi, 10.

Angelo Soto outscored Phil David, 8. Paul Alba defeated Manuel Tarazon, 10. Vicente Saldivar kayoed Felix Gutierrez, 3.

Antoine Martin decisioned Paul Maolet, 10. Ricardo Amezcua kayoed Jose Angel Zatarain, 5. Frank Duran kayoed Leroy Harris, 1.

Mike Mamarelli kayoed Jack Stringer, 3. Jerry Powers and Sandy Seabrooke drew, 6. Ray Coleman beat Bobby Soto, 6. Humberto Santos kayoed.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Mimun Ben Ali defeated Benny Lee, 10.

Vicente Garcia won from Torito Mota, 10. Gustavo Sosa whipped Chino Vera, 10.

Zurdo Salazar beat Adalberto Martinez, 10.

Manuel Reyes defeated Mario Baultisto, 5. Humberto Caraballo kayoed Alfonso Guerrero, 2.

Carlos Hernandez beat Antonio Gutierrez, 10. Tony Gallegos kayoed Roberto Rivera, 4.

FLYWEIGHTS

Salvatore Burruni kayoed Alex O'Neil, 5, and Chilango Gomez, 4.

Takeshi Nakamura defeated Ric Magramo, 12.

Ray Perez won from Bob Allotey, 12.

Juan Molina beat Raton Perez, 10. Paul Chervet stopped Giuseppe Bruni, 4.

Jesse Lopez beat Lulu Baltierrez, 6. Jojo Morales defeated Manuel Flores, 10.

Tony Barlow kayoed Jimmy McAllister, 2. Enrique Lopez kayoed "Veracruz" Carmona, 5. Fritz Chervet defeated Jo Peig, 6.

GOODMAN DARES BATTLE GARDEN

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paid my salary. After the new owners took over and renamed the team the Jets I stayed on in an advisory capacity."

Goodman resides in New Jersey, and there he met Sam Bartoletta, supermarket operator, contractor and politician. Born in Pittsburgh 51 years ago, Bartoletta is a graduate of Penn State. There he met Bill McKechnie, Jr., and through him became a director and stockholder of the Atlanta Crackers, a minor league baseball club.

Bartoletta operates North Braddock motors of Hoboken and Pittsburgh. He is a member of the Teaneck Town Council, and is financial backer of the Goodman operated Garden State Sports Corp., and Empire State Sports Corp.

"Sam and I have a lot to learn about boxing promotion, but up to now we haven't lost any money," said Goodman. "Our big venture was the Giardello-Tiger middleweight title fight at Atlantic City. We broke about seven, but everybody who was there told us it was a successful show.

"Giardello and Tiger gave us a good fight. The title changed hands, and Giardello, the new champion, has agreed to fight for us. Sam and I may go back to Atlantic City in the season to promote another championship bout.

The first Goodman-Bartoletta promotion was the Doug Jones-Billy Daniels fight in the Teaneck Armory. Jones is the second ranking heavyweight, and prior to the Daniels bout had packed Madison Square Garden with Cassius Clay. Of course Clay was the attraction, but he didn't stop Jones in the round he predicted. In fact, he didn't knock the Jones boy out and had to settle for a decision.

New York sports writers advanced on Teaneck by bus and car for Goodman's first show. They were rewarded with a hard fought 10 round bout. Jones got the nod, but it was close enough for Daniels to dispute the decision. The turnout was encouraging, and Murray and Sam made a little money.

"After the Jones fight we decided to stay in business," Goodman said. "We had looked on the bout as a one shot, but people kept asking us when were we going to run another show.

"Good matches are hard to come up with. Talent is scarce, but Jose Torres, the Puerto Rican, was available. We finally decided on Don Fullmer, brother of Gene, the ex-middleweight champion. This one turned out well. It went the distance, and Torres received the decision.

"Giardello had long challenged for the middleweight title. He had one shot with Fullmer at Bozeman, Mont. The promoter was Norm Rothchild of Syracuse, and I was the press agent. This was one of the last Wednesday night TV fights, produced independently of the IBC by Lester Malitz.

"It was a terrific fight, and ended in a draw. Harry Kessler, the referee, scored for Giardello. Joey believed he was robbed. Fullmer never gave him a second chance. It was that close.

"I thought Giardello deserved another shot. Dick Tiger had become champion, and he was willing. That's how Sam and I came to sign the title fight for Atlantic City. It was a big gamble, but we didn't get hurt.

"It was also a lot of hard work. Promoting isn't easy."

Jack Barrett, former Madison Square Garden matchmaker, functions in a similar capacity for both Garden State and Empire State corporations. His experience goes back to the old Bronx Coliseum.

Goodman was born in Russia, and his bithday is celebrated around the world. While his well wishers call him the "boy promoter," Murray was 51 years old on New Year's Day.

"We are not interested in promoting just any fight. If we can't get the bout we want we'll stay dark," Murray said. "We are interested in quality fights only.

"I have been a successful press agent, I have a profitable public relations business, and if anybody asks why I am in boxing promotion it is because I like the sport. I'm in boxing for the people I meet and the fun I get from the fight game. I am also interested in the money that is to be made. Sam and I are willing to gamble."

"The nicest thing that has happened to me has been the friendly cooperation I have received from the press," said the old "boy promoter." "I hope I can live up to my notices."

Competition is good for any business. Goodman and Bartoletta should be good for boxing.

Another fine Italian was Lou Ambers (right), seen regaining lightweight championship from Henry Armstrong.

VIVO ITALIA!

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have held him up for fifteen rounds. Instead, the Italian elected to box, and that was just what cagey old Archie wanted. Rinaldi was, and is, a much better fighter than he showed in that bout, which, incidentally, was the last defeat suffered by the Italian. He wrested the European 175-pound laurels last year from the previously unbeaten German, Erich Schoppner.

Among the many other natives who've been contributing to boxing's popularity throughout Italy are a trio of 30-year-old veterans, welterweights Bruno Visintin and Fortunato Manca and lightweight Giordano Campari. Younger favorites include welterweight Luciano Piazza, 25, and lightweight Franco Musso, 26.

One of the many encouraging features of boxing and its popularity throughout Italy is the attention paid to the development of the nation's future professionals, the amateurs. The *Federazione Puglistica Italiana*, which controls *all* boxing in Italy, is strict about approving an amateur's request to turn professional. The Federation must be convinced that the aspirant is fully qualified before giving its consent, and the aspirant usually has had to serve a rugged apprenticeship with the medal-chasers before he is permitted to compete with the punch-for-pay contingent.

Sons and nephews of Sunny It' have long played important roles in major boxing events. Even today, two of them, American-born veterans, light-heavyweight Willie Pastrano and middleweight Joey Giardello, are world champions.

The influence of Italians in "modern" boxing began with the advent of Casper Leon (Leoni) during the '90s. By today's standards, Leon would have been listed as a flyweight—he scaled only 105 pounds—but there was no flyweight division in that era, and Caspar competed as a bantamweight. Born in Sicily, but reared in New York, Leon began his ring career in 1891 and ended it ten years later. He was Jimmy Barry's most persistent rival during the Chicagoan's reign as bantamweight champion. Casper never was able to beat Barry, but in six meetings he earned four draws, lost once and engaged in one no-decision bout.

One of the finest ring mechanics in history was Johnny Dundee, born Giuseppe Carrora in Italy, but, like Leon, raised in New York. Dundee's remarkable career began in 1910, ended in 1932, and embraced 321 bouts with all the top featherweights and lightweights of his era. Johnny became featherweight champion in 1923.

Dundee, first Italian to be elected to Boxing's Hall of Fame, acquired his *nom de ring* from his manager, Scotty Montieth. Fearing parental displeasure when he began boxing, Johnny adopted the title "Young Marino." That didn't sound much like a fighting name to Montieth but Scotty decided to let it stay until he could think of a better one. He was looking for something different, something distinctive. One day Montieth was humming an old Scottish air, "Bonnie Dundee." That was it! A Scottish name for an Italian! What sensational publicity it would mean! So Giuseppe Carrora, alias Young Marino, became Johnny Dundee. It was Danny Lyons, then boxing writer on the old New York *Globe*, who hung the tag "Scotch-Wop" on Montieth's protege.

The colorful little Italian became such an outstanding fighter and popular attraction that a variable parade of other "Dundees," all Italians, followed him into ring warfare. Two of them became world champions. They were the Dundee Brothers (Lazzaros) of Baltimore. Joe acquired the welterweight title and Vince part of the then disputed middleweight laurels.

Through the years sons and nephews of Sunny It' have produced world champions in every weight class, from ponderous heavyweight down to tiny flyweight. The big 'uns have been Primo Carnera and Rocky Marciano. Light-heavies have included Melio Bettina and Joey Maxim. Besides Vince Dundee, the middleweight entries have been Johnny Wilson, Fred Apostoli, Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta asd Carmen Basilio. Basilio also was welterweight champion, as were Young Corbett III, Marty Servo and Tony DeMarco. Lightweights have produced Rocky Kansas, Sammy Mandell, Tony Canzoneri, Lou Ambers, Sammy Angott and Paddy DeMarco. Along with Johnny Dundee, featherweights have been represented by Canzoneri, Bat Battalino, Harry Jeffra, Petey Scalzo, Phil Terranova, Sal Bartolo and Willie Pep. The bantamweight title has been held by Pete Herman, Bushy Graham, Tony Marino, Harry Jeffra, Lou Salica and Mario D'Agata, and the flyweights have crowned Frankie Genaro, Fidel LaBarba and Midget Wolgast. Various "junior" champions and title claimants would add another score of more names to the impressive list.

Just by way of an added mention, the outstanding fighter in Australia at the moment is an Italian immigrant, 22-year-old flyweight Rocky Gattelari.

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Takahashi reeled on the ropes and then collapsed. He rolled over on his back and there he lay while pandemonium reigned throughout the Sumo arena.

The 26 year old Perkins weighed 138¾ pounds and the 23 year old Japanese 139¼.

As the thirteenth round got under way the champion staggered Yoshinori with a right to the jaw. Takahashi tried to beat a wise retreat but Perkins chased after him and punished him severely with everything he could throw at every fair target on the local fighter's body.

Down went Takahashi, flat on his back. He managed to arise with only a second to spare. Referee Pope must have had some notion of stopping it then as he gave Takahashi close and appraising looks.

The first attack soon was duplicated. The Japanese took an unmerciful beating, but refused to give in. Down he went again and he rolled over on his back. But at eight he was on his wobbly feet and rubber knees again. But Pope did not have to look him over again. The fight was ended. But not the furore.

That Takahashi did not have much farther to go was indicated in the ninth round. But he managed to weather the storm and go on for four more heats in this uncalled for match.

Pope's score card gave Perkins a clean sweep of the thirteen rounds.

Haruo Ishiwitarido, one of the judges, gave the fourth round to the challenger.

Ko Toyama, the other judge, scored the fourth and fifth for the Japanese.

It was Perkins' first title defense since he recovered the crown from Roberto Cruz, on June 19.

Perkins was in fine form, accurate with his hooks, and deadly with his attack for the body and jaw.

How much trouble would Molina make for Perkins? The champion would be a strong favorite.

For some reason Molina does not show outside of San Jose. He had six fights in 1963, not one away from home.

He started the year with a two round KO of the Chihuahua Kid. Then came a ten round decision over Bobby Scanlon.

Two fights with Doug Vaillant, once lightweight contender, resulted in defeats for Molina but a meeting with Tony Noriega ended in a knockout victory for Lou in the sixth.

Molina's last fight of 1963 resulted in a decision over Scanlon. He will appear in Madison Square Garden against up and coming Frank Navarez at about the time you are reading this and an impressive victory will clinch a title fight for him.

PATTERSON PLANS

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he ever collected, conceivably traces to his feeling that American sports writers are antagonistic toward him.

American sports writers did not knock him out in the first round in each of his heroic stands against Liston. It would have happened that way in Stockholm or Nigeria.

There is talk of importing Ernie Terrell, Doug Jones or Eddie Machen for Patterson's next demonstration, again in Stockholm.

The gigantic effort against Amonti was promoted by the Bolan brothers of New York and Edwin Ahlquist, who was Ingemar Johansson's manager. They did very well, as out of the $120,000 take, Patterson picked up a handy sixty grand and the Italian got $16,000, leaving something like thirty-five grand for the split among the geniuses who engineered the spectacle.

After Patterson had praised him vociferously, Amonti forgot his manners. He said, "I thought Patterson would be more dangerous. I have met faster fighters. I am sure I could do better in a rematch. My legs gave out.

"I figured that the fight would last four rounds. But Patterson was not great." Now, how is that for gratitude?

As for the Herculean test in the ring, Amonti could have done better by telegraph. The Italian did next to nothing. He earned Patterson's praise for sportsmanship and gameness.

The reporters got the impression that Floyd could have taken Sante in four heats, or even fewer. Amonti hung on, pushed his opponent around, and otherwise confined his efforts to preserving life, limb and stay in the ring as best he could. It was little better than an exhibition.

There were times when Amonti was wide open for the coup de grace. But Patterson, kindly and benevolent, refrained. Several times he turned away as the Italian left himself a candidate for the doleful ten.

At the end Amonti was sitting on the ropes, inviting a kayo. At this point Smythe said, "Enough." Nobody in the house hollered. The customers figured they had had their kroners' worth.

Amonti was knocked down twice before the rope sitting stunt. In the second heat Floyd applied a right to the jaw and 191 pounds 5 feet 9¼ inches of Roman centurion hit the deck. In the fourth round a left hook to the submaxillary sent Sante down again.

In the eighth round two lefts and a right placed Amonti in a very relaxed position on the ropes where he gave the erroneous impression that he was counting the house.

The supporting card was as dull as Sunday in Lapland. One of the contestants was Floyd's younger brother Ray. He met a Swede named Lars Norling in a six rounder and the Scandinavian won on points.

Floyd, who barely had got up a sweat in his fight, was sitting at the ringside while Ray was being beaten.

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manager have with a matchmaker or promoter, but how good the fighter is as a drawing card. His popularity and showmanship will affect his earning power.

It is a healthy outlook. Quality will be the standard by which one will be judged for a main event. The fighter no longer will have the TV cushion to fall upon. He'll be required to earn his fee by what he can draw at the gate.

That shouldn't be too tough, as was indicated by half a dozen recent contests to which the public flocked because it expected action and was not disappointed.

The Jones-Clay fight drew $103,000 and the Carter-Archer affair had a gross of $38,000. The Giardello-Dick Tiger fight in Atlantic City, minus television, grossed $85,000.

It was on September 26, 1944 that a new epoch in pro boxing was inaugurated when Mike Jacobs signed a contract with Gillette, to televise 50 bouts in Madison Square Garden and the St. Nicholas Arena, starting with the Pep-Wright featherweight championship match. For some years, twice weekly, Mike's shows were on television. When Jim Norris took over, this was continued, the Friday shows in the Garden and a Wednesday card in his Chicago Stadium going on the air.

The TV sponsorship enabled the Garden to continue showing boxing on a weekly basis to various major cities when the Garden was occupied, Miami Beach, Las Vegas, Boston, Louisville and Philadelphia often getting the plum.

In 1952 the Columbia Broadcasting Company handled the Wednesday fights and the National Broadcasting Company, the Friday bouts.

In 1959, both the Columbia and the National systems retired from the field and the American Broadcasting Company took up the task.

In 1952 the sponsored shows reached 5,000,000 homes and by 1955, this was increased to 8,500,000 homes. In 1962 it dropped back to 5,000,000.

When TV was in its infancy, its greatest attraction was boxing. Last year televised boxing reached 2,500,000 homes. Thirty-one percent of the television audience saw the fights on home TV in 1952 but only 11.2 percent of the available TV audiences watched the Gillette fights in 1962.

By television standards the significance of these figures is that boxing failed to keep up with television expansion.

The first major organization to enter New York as a rival for Garden patronage is the Empire State Sports Club, of which Murray Goodman, former drumbeater for the Garden is the promoter and Jack Barrett, formerly of the Garden is his matchmaker.

Goodman is optimistic. He figures that if he can survive until the fall when the Garden will lose the $1,500,000 annual fee which it received from Gillette, Empire State will have an excellent chance to become a successful enterprise.

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AFTER TV—WHAT?

SINCE the report reached the sock market that Madison Square Garden may shortly lose its television deal with the American Broadcasting Company, all manner of speculation has been going the rounds.

Will the Garden continue to function with its boxing promotions without TV revenue?

What effect, if any, will the vanishing of the nationally-televised fights have on the industry in general?

Will the "small" clubs across the nation be encouraged to get back into business and, if they do, what will be their prospects?

Everybody's guessing, so we may as well get into the act. Here's our opinion, starting with the Garden situation:

There is no arguing that only its revenue from TV has kept the House That Tex Built in the boxing business in recent years. Cash customers have become scarce. Why pay to see something you can see for free on your home television set?

We wouldn't know exactly what the Garden collects for its fight programs, but our understanding is that the figure is about $24,000 weekly. The ante is jumped to anywhere from $30,000 to $100,000 for outstanding attractions involving world championships. The price is set according to the sponsors' estimate of the importance of the bout and its appeal to the viewing public.

The Garden, of course, prefers to have all fights staged within its own historic confines, but often during the year the arena is not available because of other events—rodeos, ice shows, circuses, et al. On these occasions, the fight venues are shifted to other centers across the nation—Boston, Miami Beach, Philadelphia, Las Vegas and Los Angeles are usually the favored spots. The Garden donates $12,000, or half its TV revenue, to the out-of-town promoter who, of course, pays the main-event performers.

The normal TV pay for a fighter is $4,000, plus a percentage of the gate receipts. Sometimes the price is higher, at other times lower, depending on the fighter and the attractiveness of the match.

The rates apply whether the bouts are held in the Garden or in other centers.

A DEARTH OF TALENT.

Trying to operate without TV revenue figures to be a rough assignment for the Garden. It hardly is likely to stage shows on a weekly basis, and it may even be difficult for monthly presentations. Available talent, capable of attracting cash customers to the box-office in sufficient numbers to assure financial success of a promotion, is all too scarce at the moment.

An average show in the Garden would have to draw from $25,000 to $35,000 to avoid splashing red ink on the Corporation's ledgers. There are very few matches in view at the moment that would draw this much.

The Garden itself functions under a heavy overhead, with a dozen or so full-time employees in its boxing department. The staff includes a managing director, two matchmakers, a publicity staff of three, a foreign department, telephone switchboard operator and a couple of secretaries.

There has been optimistic talk of the "small" clubs around the nation getting back into circulation if the Garden ceases its TV programs. We doubt it. In the last two and a half years the Garden has laid out nearly $250,000 in subsidies to a score or more "farm" clubs scattered throughout the land, and for the most part it's been money tossed away. Very few worthwhile developments have been reported.

The Garden's No. 1 "farm," Sunnyside Garden in Long Island City, will probably go out of business entirely if M.S.G. ceases to underwrite its losses. Sunnyside needs about $2,500 to break even on its average show—and only about one in four does that well. Sunnyside's 1962-63 schedule cost the Garden between $15,000 and $20,000. It'll probably do likewise this season.

The main problem confronting boxing in the U.S.A. now is the dearth of kids interested in ring careers. There are much easier ways for them to earn a living. Those that do try their luck with the gloves are in such an all-fired hurry they don't have time to learn the trade. The result is a couple of tough lickings and they quit.

The old-time neighborhood and racial rivalries that produced so many outstanding fights and fighters and were responsible for boxing's popularity in the past, seem to have evaporated in recent years. Times and conditions have a habit of changing, and not always for the better. Certainly not where boxing is concerned.

WANTED: SOME VISION.

When it assigned one of its television dates to the Sugar Ramos-Vicente Derado bout in Los Angeles, Madison Square Garden accounted for something of a departure from its recent policy. Featherweights had become all but extinct with the Garden's matchmaking department, and lightweights weren't regarded with much more favor.

In the Los Angeles episode, Ramos' world featherweight championship was not involved. The Cuban exile fought as a lightweight in a non-title bout with Derado.

When the late International Boxing Club was functioning weekly from two headquarters, New York and Chicago, the 126- and 135-pounders were among its regular offerings, and they produced some of the liveliest action seen on TV. Over a four-year stretch, 1956 through 1959, no less than twenty-eight featherweight and fifty-six lightweight bouts were presented. A total of ninety-four fights (ten of them world title affairs) out of an approximate 400 programs attested eloquently to the popularity of the two classes.

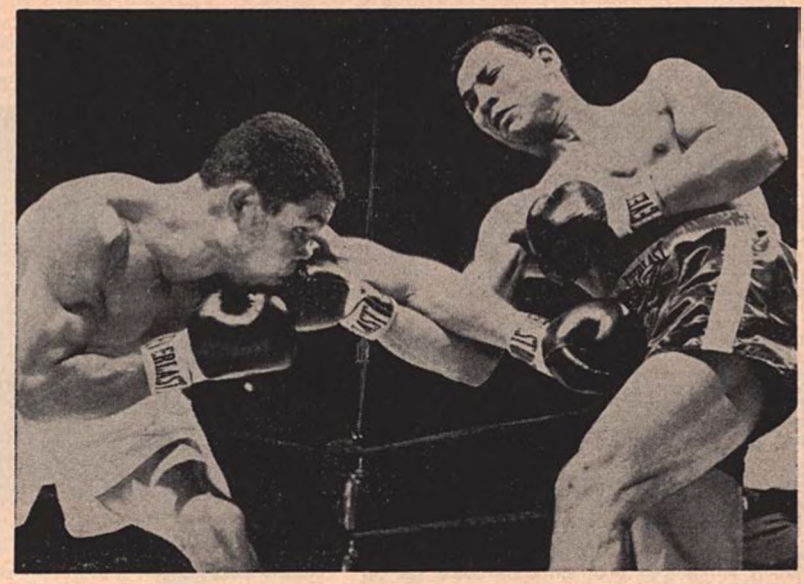
Since the I.B.C. went out of business, succeeded by the current Garden Boxing Club, with only one TV show weekly, the feathers have faded into virtual oblivion, and the lighties have been gradually following them. In the last four years, only one

featherweight match has been offered on TV—and that was a short-notice substitution in 1960! Lightweight presentations in the same four-year span have totalled thirteen (one for the title) out of some 200 shows. The Ramos-Derado bout was the first lightweight match in a year.

These figures indicate a lack of vision, enterprise and even intelligence by those who, through their national televising of fights, carry most of the responsibility for boxing's welfare in the U.S.A. With topline talent getting scarcer, the industry can ill afford to lose any possible attractions, and that is what's happening with the disappearance of two formerly popular divisions. "Creeping paralysis" seems to have afflicted boxing. Beginning with the bottom of the scale, the American scene first lost the flyweights. Then the bantamweights vanished. Boxing is in no position now to eliminate the featherweights and, shortly, the lightweights.

Come to think of it, there doesn't seem to be much excitement among the welterweights, either.

Some promotional ingenuity would be welcomed.



Showing for first time in Madison Square Garden and on national TV, Jose Torres (right) celebrated the occasion by edging fellow-Puerto Rican, Jose Gonzales, in a brawling middleweight ten-rounder.

AROUND THE RING.

A certain job-lots, cut-rates New York "booking agent," who has been doing a thriving business shipping nondescript American ringsters over to Europe for local favorites to belt around may find his assignment a bit tougher in the future—at least, where Britain is concerned. Without mentioning names, it is quite obvious what and whom the British Boxing Board of Control had in mind when it promulgated a new set of "conditions" for "non-European aliens." Before they will be allowed to box in the British Isles, the "non-European aliens" must produce current licenses from their local Commissions and legitimate medical certificates attesting their physical fitness. Also, they must be accompanied by their licensed managers, or duly licensed representatives appointed by the managers. Now, if France, Italy and Germany would only follow Britain's example . . .

Tommy Dixon, who died recently in Kansas City at the age of 75, was a real journeyman during his busy career, which extended from 1909 to the outbreak of World War I. Originally out of Holyoke, Mass., Tommy's wanderlust started with a hitch in the Navy, and when he decided on leather-tossing for his profession, his ramblings carried him from one end of the United States to the other. Big cities and whistle-stops were all the same to him, and he missed very few of them in his ubiquitous junketing. A featherweight, he wasn't averse to occasional outings with lightweights, and at the finish his record showed a total of 264 bouts. Among the many good 'uns he fought were Tommy Bresnahan, Joe Mandot, Frankie Conley, Battling Nelson, Joe Rivers, Monte Attell, Charley White, Johnny Kilbane, Eddie O'Keefe, Johnny Dundee, Jimmy Walsh and Ollie Kirk. During World War I, Dixon was chief boxing instructor at Camp Colt, near Gettysburg, Pa.

Another recent obit item was a real shocker to the New York fight crowd. Veteran manager Frank Bachman, 70, died of a heart attack in Miami Beach where he'd been vacationing with his wife. Proprietor of a flourishing commercial printing plant, Frank became interested in boxing during the early '20s when, as a "hobby," he assumed the management of a young New York middleweight, Maxie Rosenbloom. "Slapsie Maxie" went on to become world light-heavyweight champion. Through the years Bachman, still operating his printing establishment, continued his "hobby" by managing a score of other good fighters. His most recent one was middleweight Rory Calhoun.

The Grim Parade continues with the news from Syracuse, N.Y., of the passing of John Sposapto, 74. As "Jack Michaels," Sposapto was a prominent referee in upstate rings during the '20s and '30s. He adopted the name "Michaels" after a brother, "Young Michaels," a popular Syracuse lightweight back around the World War I era.

NEW YORK RESULTS OF THE MONTH:

With Joey Mangiapane shelving his ring ambitions to devote his time and efforts to the family bakery in Corona, twin brother Lenny has been elected to tote the clan's banner alone into ring warfare. But even one Mangiapane is good news to Sunnyside Garden's box-office.

In his first appearance of the season, Lenny accounted for the highest set of statistics reported to date at the cozy little Long Island City arena, 1,418 customers paying $3,248. Lenny, hustling tickets to his large personal following, was personally responsible for two-thirds of the totals.

For his second showing, Lenny, distracted by the death of a cousin and unable to peddle tickets with his usual enthusiasm, disposed of only about half his normal quota; nevertheless Sunnyside reported its season's third highest figures. The 1,329 clients donated $2,548 to sit in on Lenny's meeting with Jesse Tanco, 145, Puerto Rico.

Lenny, 154, gave the onlookers another of his typical whoop-de-do performances. He ran into a Tanco right in the first round and skidded to the canvas for a mandatory eight-count, but in the second he swarmed all over his lighter opponent and dropped him with a wild barrage of lefts and rights. In the third, Mangiapane continued his slam-bang assault, drove Tanco into a corner and flattened him for the full count with a lusty right to the chin. Time of round: 2:35.

Another popular Long Islander, Irish Bob Cassidy, 158½, Levittown, repeated a previous win over Felix Santiago, 158, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six. It was Cassidy's 12th straight win.

In fours, Eddie Small, 145, Bronx, won from Russell Shoulars, 144, Paterson, N.J.; Luke Ervin, 135, Bayonne, N.J., decisioned Gary Bailey, 135, West Side, and Victor Baerge, 128½, Brooklyn, stopped a borough rival, Jimmy Nova, 129, on eye cuts at the end of the second.

Finally appearing in Madison Square Garden and on national TV after a seven-years' "war" between his manager, Cus D'Amato, and the House That Tex Built, Jose Torres, 161, celebrated the occasion by taking a close but unanimous decision from fellow-Puerto Rican, Jose Gonzalez, 160¼, in a hard-fought, bruising ten.

Reports had Torres arranging the match himself, guaranteeing Gonzalez all the television payoff, $10,000, and gambling on 50 percent, of the net gate receipts for himself. It proved to be a fair gamble for Torres, whose personal popularity with the local Puerto Rican colonies resulted in an unusually large turnout for a TV show. Estimated attendance was about 5,000 and gross receipts nearly $12,000. Deducting taxes and expenses for officials, the net probably was $10,000, and Torres picked up $5,000 for himself.

The bout was advertised as for the Puerto Rican middleweight title, held by Torres, but both fighters were over the 160-pound class limit.

Gonzalez was aggressor most of the way, and his awkward, crowding body punching tactics made things uncomfortable at times for Torres. Fighting from behind the peek-a-boo stance featured by all D'Amato developments, Torres needed plenty of punching room, and Gonzalez gave him as little as possible. When he did elect to punch, however, Torres scored with booming rights and lefts, but they seemed to have little effect on his rugged, durable opponent. At times the bout degenerated into a butting, mauling affair, with Gonzalez the main offender. He was warned for hitting low in the first round and for "billygoating" in the fourth. Both rivals were jolted by a head-on collision in the seventh.

Despite the rough going, there were no knockdowns, and neither fighter appeared in serious trouble at any time.

The semi-final, scheduled for ten, ended at 2:19 of the fifth with Frankie Narvaez, 135, Puerto Rico, stopping Tony LaBarbara, 135¾, Buffalo, N.Y. Angelo Soto, 126½, chalked up another win for Puerto Rico when he decisioned Phil David, 126, West Wego, La., in eight. In fours, Oscar Bonavena, 203, Argentina, stopped Lou Hicks, 181½, Harlem, at 1:23 of the first; Paul Johnson, 175, Cleveland, O., won from Simon Ramos, 174, Puerto Rico, when their bout was halted at the end of the second, and Gil Rodriguez, 146, Puerto Rico, outpointed a fellow-islander, Libertad Rueda, 147¾.

Disappointed but not disheartened by developments at their inaugural presentation at the Coliseum, Murray Goodman and Sam Bartoletta announced their intention to continue operations on a once-a-month basis. Goodman and Bartoletta, who also promote in New Jersey, call themselves the Empire State Sports Corporation in New York.

No official figures were released for their opening show at the Coliseum but it looked as though the turnout was about 1,500 with the receipts probably $4,000. Messrs. Goodman and Bartoletta had previously announced they needed

$10,000 to come out even.

In justice to the new promotional combine it must be said they had to buck all sorts of discouragements. First, they made a mistake in opening too soon after the Christmas-New Year's holidays. Then, in struggling for publicity, they had to compete with the windup of the annual football hysteria—the professional championships and the collegiate Bowl epidemic. Finally, with attractive available talent as scarce as it is, they were unable to line up the sort of match they wanted, and the upshot of it all was that the headline attraction offered two light-heavyweights totally unknown to New York fandom—Irish Bob McKinney, 178½, Tacoma, Wash., and Wilhelm von Homburg, 178, a converted German wrestler domiciled in Los Angeles.

It was a sloppy, scrambling sort of fight. Short and stocky McKinney would lower his head and lunge wildly at his taller opponent. Occasionally, the Tacoman would succeed in reaching Von Homburg with his swings, but they didn't seem to bother the German. Von Homburg, with long scraggly blond (probably dyed) hair, was an awkward sort, but he did know enough to poke out a long left and throw an occasional right. McKinney was an open target for almost everything Wilhelm tossed. As early as the first round an old cut reopened over McKinney's left eye, and it worsened as the bout progressed. At 1:09 of the ninth, McKinney suddenly stopped fighting, walked to his corner, grabbed the microphone and publicly announced that, since he could see no future for himself in boxing, he was retiring then and there.

With a 9½-pound pull in the weights, Harold Richardson, 157, Newark, N.J., was winner over Joe Shaw, 147½, Kansas City, Mo., in the semi-final ten. Three preliminaries ended in knockouts, Joe Shelton, 190, formerly of Cleveland, O., currently of Paterson, N.J., halting Leslie Smith, 199¾, Philadelphia, at 2:58 of the second; Joe Louis Adair, 165, Wichita, Kan., and Newark, N.J., finishing Bob Simmons, 166, Erie, Pa. at 2:46 of the third and David Nahon (King David), 142 Israel, disposing of Alfred St. George, 137, Holyoke, Mass., at 1:44 of the first.

Back in business after a three-weeks' "vacation" during the Christmas-New Year's holidays, Sunnyside Garden's first feature of 1964 was a heavyweight meeting of rival Long Islanders, Hubert Hilton, 191, Glen Cove, and Ray Batey, 195, Jamaica. After eight rounds of tugging, hauling and some punching, Hilton was a unanimous winner, one official tabbing it 7-1 in his favor ad the other two voting 6-2.

The semi-final, scheduled for six, was abbreviated when Oscar Freeman, 151, Norfolk, Va., was not permitted to go out for the third against Bernie Forbes, 149¾, Hollis, L.I. Floored by a right in the closing seconds of round two, Freeman was in no condition to resume operations when the next frame started.

Joe Spence, 161, Harlem, was credited with stopping Clyde Taylor, 161, Bronx, at 1:22 of the sixth. Dropped by a series of lefts and rights to the head, Taylor was wobbly when he stumbled to his feet and the referee wisely decided not to let him continue.

In fours, Luis Vidot, 126½, Puerto Rico, won from Auriello Jiminez, 128½, Brooklyn; Vince Delgado, 147½, Bronx, outpointed Al Carpenter, 145, Brooklyn, and Tony Campo, 135½, Bronx, recovered from a first-round knockdown to outfight Jimmy Nova, 131, Brooklyn.

Attendance 1,102; gross receipts $2,034.92.

ROCHESTER AND UPSTATE NEW YORK AREA NEWS

By Charles Keese

▸ On Nov. 12 at the Working Boys' Home in Buffalo another amateur boxing show was held. In one of the two five round co-features Matt Gulley of Niagara Falls, fine looking middleweight, won a decision over Al Hugley of Buffalo in a return bout, as Hugley won a five round decision over Gulley two weeks ago.

In the other co-feature Willie Boyd of Rochester scored a third round knockout over Bill Bishop of Buffalo. After two even rounds, Boyd came on strong in the third round, backing Bishop against the ropes with a two fisted attack and scored a clean knockout. All bouts were good ones.

In December another good amateur show was held at the Working Boys' Home in Buffalo. Gary Broughton of Branford, Ont., won a tight five round decision over Willie Boyd of Rochester in a battle of welterweights, one of the features. Al Hugley scored a T.K.O. in the fifth round over Rusty Wilkins. It was the third battle of these middleweights and the second win for Hugley. This was the co-feature.

▸ Professional boxing will return to Syracuse begining in February with a card promoted by Canostota Boxing Club headed by Carmen Basilio the former middleweight champion.

The Niagara District Golden Gloves started eliminations in Buffalo with some very good looking amateurs entered.

Frank Verna Sr. informs me that Tony Romano of Rochester, his hard punching middleweight, has resumed training after an operation on his nose.

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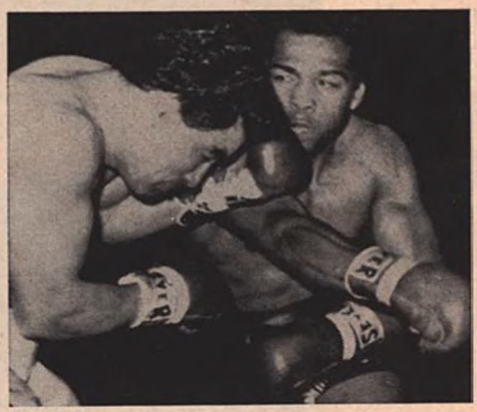

World Featherweight Champion Sugar Ramos (right) lands a right to the head of Argentina's Vicente Derado during their ten round over-the-weight match in Los Angeles. The champion was given a rough time by the strong South American in what was Ramos' debut in the lightweight class. Although Sugar won the verdict by unanimous decision many in the crowd of over 8,000 thought that Derado had won the fight.

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FORT CAMPBELL, KY.,—"Screaming Eagle" boxers began their bid for inter-service trophies in elimination bouts.

The light heavyweight division—178 pound—proved the most action-packed fight when Isaiah Davis, 187th Airborne Battle Group, bounced back from knockdowns to win a decision over Ernest Miller, 501st Airborne Battle Group.

Flyweight — Robert Carmody, 187th Airborne Battle Group, decisioned Guadalupo Rodriguez, 506th Airborne Battle Group; Bantamweight — Jerry Upshur, 506th, decisioned John Cesspooch, 502d Airborne Battle Group; Featherweight—Leroy Young, 187th, decisioned John Broussard, 506th; Lightweight — Henry Aaron, 187th, decisioned Charles Taylor, 506th; Light welterweight — Verdell Smith, 506th, TKO'd Juan Gonzales, 501st Airborne Battle Group; Welterweight—Corbett Anderson, 187th, by forfeit; Light middleweight — Ray Owens, 187th, decisioned Joseph Lenahan, 506th; Middleweight — Teddy Haggard, 501st, decisioned Alvin Brown, 187th; Light heavyweight—Isaiah Davis, 187th, decisioned Ernest Miller, 501st; Heavyweight —Charlie Slack, 502d, decisioned George Ewing, 501st.

WORLD RATINGS

(Continued from page 19)

who is making a good comeback, regained a spot in the heavyweight ranks, in the tenth post. He replaces Billy Daniels of New York.

Gregorio Peralta of Argentina, knockout winner over Telmo Gonzalez, took the post previously occupied by Henry Hank of Detroit, Peralta now in fifth and Hank down to seventh.

The only change in the welterweights finds Dick Turner of Philadelphia, loser to his townsmen, Stanley "Kitten" Hayward, dropped from seventh to tenth with Curtis Cokes, Stan Harrington and Gaspar Ortega each advanced one notch.

Rodolfo "Tito" Marshall of Panama who defeated Dave Charnley of England, is listed eighth, followed by another new face, Mario Rositto of Colombia who beat Bert Somodio of the Philippines, and is listed ninth. They replaced Abel Laudonio of Argentina and Somodio.

Battling Torres of Mexico, victor over Dave Cervantes and Alvaro Gutierrez, both of Mexico, off on another kayo streak, advanced from seventh to sixth, with Louis Molina up to the top of the heap.

Angel Garcia of France, who beat Giordano Compari, of Italy, is now second and inactive Roberto Cruz of the Philippines, fell from first to third, Garcia taking his place.

In the lightweight division Sandro Lopopolo, former Olympic star, winner over Doug Vaillant of Cuba, is the last of the trio of Italians to gain prominence during the month. He is rated tenth, one place below his victim who dropped from seventh to ninth. It is Lopopolo's first entrance into the select circle.

Teruo Kosako of Japan and Nicolino Loche of Argentina, each advanced one peg, to seventh and eighth, respectively. Conny Rudhof of Germany was removed from the top ten to make way for Sandro.

Ray Adigun of Nigeria has replaced inactive Wally Taylor of Australia in ninth place among the junior lightweights.

In the featherweight class, Floyd Robertson of Ghana, kayo victor over Billy Calvert of England, has advanced from tenth to seventh. Willi Quartour of Germany, has been dropped from seventh to eighth, Antonio Herrera of Colombia from eighth to ninth and Calvert from ninth to tenth.

The bantam class was shaken up by Risto Luukkonen's triumph over Mimun Ben Ali of Spain to win the European title, and Jesus Pimentel's triumph over Ray Asis of Stockton. Luukkonen is a Finn and Pimentel hails from Los Angeles.

Ben Ali has dropped from fourth to eighth, Asis from eighth to tenth with Pimentel ranked sixth and the Finn, ninth.

Katsutoshi Aoki of Japan and Felix Brami of Tunisia were removed to be replaced by the newcomers.

Mexican title holder Efren Torres advanced from sixth to fifth and Raton Mojica of Nicaragua has replaced Natalio Jiminez of the Dominican Republican in the tenth spot.

Mojica is an excellent fighter, but unfortunately he has not yet tried his skill against top ranked men to gain higher post.

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By BILL MILLER

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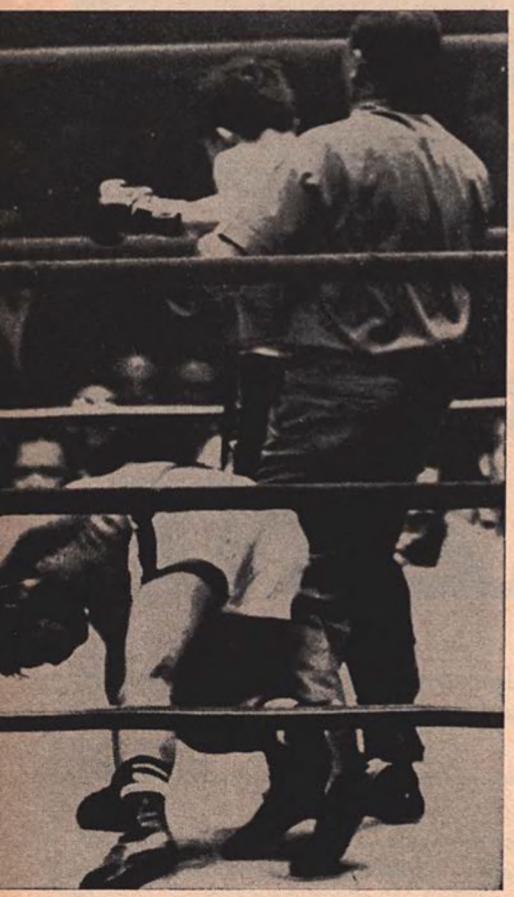

Ray Asis pitches face forward, out cold, as the referee John Thomas grabs Jesus Pimentel to send him to a neutral corner. Thomas took one look at Asis and did not even bother to count, giving Pimental a six round kayo triumph.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA is blessed with two fine youngsters, both potential box-office magnets. One is Pimentel, Harry Kabakoff's bantum, who scored his 26th straight knockout, at the expense of Asis. The other is Raul Rojas, Jackie McCoy's breadwinner, who is a near lightweight. He weighed 131½ for his most recent fight.

Asis, 118½, never before had been stopped. The occasion: the Friars Club first annual charity event.

It was a quadruple main event—four 10-rounders and an opener.

The 23-year old Pimentel silenced the doubters by his terrific showing. Moreover, he's only one K.O. behind Henry Armstrong, who had 27 in a row. (Don't tell me Lamar Clark and Billy Fox, with their 43 kayos apiece; I refuse to recognize their "records".)

The show was promoted by Leo Minskoff. It was an artistic success, though a loser financially. Minskoff estimated the gate receipts at $28,000, of which 50%, or $14,000—give or take a few bucks—went to the Friars.

Pimentel was dropped in the third round, and was up instantly. That was the beginning of the end for Senor Asis. Pimentel turned tiger.

Raul Rojas, 131½, pride of San Pedro, erased the only blot on his record at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A., scoring a fifth round knockout over Julio Zuniga, 134¾, Mexico. That "blot" consisted of an accidental butt, suffered by Zuniga; the referee halted hostilities and called it a draw.

Since then, Rojas has risen rapidly in the esteem of local fans. The return match with Zuniga was Rojas' 14th straight win; his eleventh knockout.

Rojas was co-starred at the Olympic, sharing honors with Sugar Ramos. Ramos vs. Vicente Derado, of Argentina.

Supporting bouts: Norman Parra, 119, dec. over Mario Batista, 118½, (6); Jose Cejudo, 117, KO (3) over Tony Vega, 114; and Mercer Smith, 135, dec. over Mickey Davitt, 137, (4).

OAKLAND—Carl (Bobo) Olson, 176¾, had to come from behind to get a draw with Hank Casey, 173½, in ten rounds. Both now make San Francisco their home. The verdict was not popular.

SACRAMENTO—Fred Roots, 162½, Sacramento, defeated Jimmy Beecham, 159¾, Philadelphia, (10).

Minskoff and his matchmaker, Larry Rummans, deserved a much better fate in the Pimental affair. The fight reminded me of that classic between Bud Taylor and Pete Sarmiento, about 40 years ago.

About 6,000 were on hand. It was a $25 top, which was too much to expect from Christmas shoppers.

Tommy Fields, 207½, outpointed Eddie Jackson, (10).

Aristeo Chavarin, 158½, stopped Prince Rudy, 159½, (6).

Johnny Newman, 151½, stopped Joey Limas, 146½, (5).

Manny Reyes, 114, dec. over Pimi Amador, 115, (4).

Pimentel got $7,000; Asis, $3,250; Chavarin, $1,000; Prince Rudy, $1,200. Welterweights Newman and Limas got $500 each. Heavyweight Fields, $1,000; his opponent, Prince, $500.

FROM ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

By Buck Jones

ANCHORAGE—The newly formed Wolverine Boxing Club of Anchorage staged its first professional boxing card, at the Edgewater Lodge, near Anchorage. The show was a complete success. All tickets were sold out several days before the show, and in addition, many fans paid for standing room, to enjoy this exciting evening of boxing. Among the dignitaries present were Wendell Kay, a prominent local attorney, who is also President of the Anchorage Athletic Round Table, and Buz Brazeau, of the Alaska State Athletic Commission.

In the ten-round main event, veteran Anchorage mitman, Phil Hauser, completely out-classed defending Alaska Middleweight Champion, Norman Fletcher, of Elmendorf Air Force Base, to gain a unanimous decision. Both judges and the referee awarded Hauser 9 of the 10 rounds. Hauser boxed beautifully, picking off Fletcher's punches, and countering with crisp rights to the head, and left-hooks to the body.

Fans were given an extra treat in the form of a six-round special event. The Mexican Left-hook Artist, Joey Lopez, went into action for the first time in the Anchorage ring. His opponent was game, but out-classed, Eli Darien, Anchorage. Lopez knocked his less experienced opponent down twice, on his way to scoring a TKO victory, at 0:18, of the 4th round. Both boys weighed 147.

The semi-main event pitted Gene Coon, 164, Elmendorf, against 165 lb. Jeff McCracken, of Seward, Alaska. Coon won by a TKO, at 1:49, 4th round.

Light heavyweight, Bob Cox, Elmendorf, decisioned Vince Brown, Elmendorf, in one of the four-round preliminaries. Cox added prestige to Alaska boxing by donating his share of the purse to the Alaska Crippled Childrens Association. In the other preliminary, Henry Busse, 178 Anchorage, stopped Harry Pitka, 187, Anchorage, 2:27 3rd round.

▸ Anchorage's other boxing promoter, Tom Gravely, has announced that a fight card has been scheduled for January 11. Popular Anchorage heavyweight, Dick Hamlett, will meet a well-known heavyweight from San Francisco, Joe Louis Sullivan, in the main event.

▸ The Wolverine Boxing Club plans to stage a show in early February. The main event will pit Joey Lopez against former Alaska Middleweight title-holder, Jim Nelson.

▸ Fighters who are interested in fighting in the Anchorage area are encouraged to contact either of the Anchorage Boxing Promoters, Joey Lopez, Anchorage Athletic Club, or Tom Gravely, 2405 Redwood Street, Anchorage.

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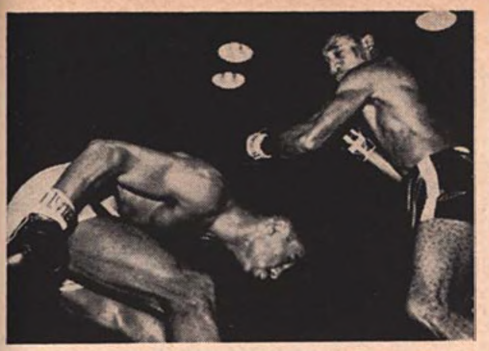


Former welterweight titleholder Luis Rodriguez, is wide with a left hook, one of the few times he missed Wilbert McClure during their TV bout in Miami Beach that was won by Rodriguez his second straight win over McClure.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

In the waning seconds of the tenth and last round, with victory almost in grasp, Jefferson Davis experienced the first knockdown of his career and settled for a draw with Cody Jones after a terrific battle at Miami Beach on December 11th. No let-up by either fighter, just fight, fight, fight. How the crowd of 2,029 loved it. A short, left hook to the head dropped Davis for a two-count and responsible for the following score of the officials:

Referee Billy Regan, 96-95 for Jones; Judge Bunny Lovett, 98-94 for Davis, and Judge Gus Jacobson, 95-95, draw.

When they opened the final canto, it was with mucho gusto but here's where Cody gave away and Davis drove him to the hemp. Jones came back with his favorite punch to save the day. It is the first draw on record for Jeff and Cody, who weighed 193½ and 202, respectively.

One of the year's upsets was recorded, in local light, when "Chip" Johnson stopped Prentice Snipes, a dangerous puncher, in the ninth round of a heavyweight duel. "Chip" should be in the chips after this one.

Perfecto Garcia won a lightweight encounter by a technical knockout in the eighth round over Willie McCrea. Carl Starling, still in the undefeated, untied column, won four from Ernie Burnes. They're middleweights.

Steve Curry, a welterweight from Greenville, South Carolina, is Ring Magazine's Prospect of The Month in its January Issue, supporting fact that among the game's brightest talent is in my Southland. Look forward to seeing Carl Starling, a Miami middleweight, snare the laurels in his division come soon.

Many former star boxers including Al Nettlow, welter, and Bobby Dykes, welter and middlewight, arranged a fistic program at Homestead, Florida, for needy children. The "Boxing For Baskets" Christmas card was a big success, writes Dick Lee, a Miami promoter who provided the talent.

In the feature bout, Tony Mammarelli, Pittsburgh and Miami lightweight, made it 14 straight by stopping Santo Flores in the fifth round. A cut eye was responsible.

Joey Cam, of Fort Lauderdale, went ahead of Mammarelli's win record by securing his 15th straight, defeating Richie Smith, of Nassau, in the six round semi-final. Cam (Camino) at 143, and Smith at 147.

Duane Simpson, 146, Opa-locka, defeated Jack Gowan, 150, Homestead, but Dick Lee failed to provide how many it went. Mad Dog Johnson, 165, Miami, stopped Eddie Evers. 163, Panama City, in four. Skip Johnson, 145, Opa-locka, beat Paul Pevavit, 149, in a four.

In the top eight at Miami, George Edwards, of Panama, and Willie Harris, of Miami, fought to a draw. Winston Greene, 126, of Tallahassee, showing better than ever, got himself another victory and this time his victim was Jerry Powers, 126, of St. Louis, in a six rounder.

Harry Belafonte, of Moultrie, Georgie, whipped Richie Smith, 150, Nassau, in six.

James Beasley, 166, Miami, pulled a shocker by stopping the hard-hitting and prior undefeated Gibby McCarty. 162, of Miami Beach, in the first round. Skip Johnson, 145, Opa-locka, stopped James Morgan, 150, Miami, in 1:01 of the first round.

A capacity gathering at Miami figured on seeing a good fight but few expected an upset. That's what happened when Eddie Agin, 168, of Key West, and Scatterhawk Dixon, 163, Miami, squared off in the eight round main attraction. Agin, showing vast improvements each time out, won the decision, while Dixon, a recent RING MAGAZINE Best Prospect winner, suffered his second loss. Agin has one loss on his record and chances he may replace football hero George Mira as the Key's sports celebrity should he continue his excellent boxing work.

Jack Sinatra, 155, Miami, and Willie Thomas, 151, Miami, clashed to a draw in a sixer. Winston Greene, 129, Tallahassee, added one more win by stopping Pee Wee Neeley, 130, Key West, in the third. Jerry Powers, 129, St. Louis, won a four rounder from Berlin Roberts, 127, of Tallahassee. Billy Walker, 163, Miami, stopped Billy Harbinson, 168, Miami Beach, in one round.

Promoter Dick Lee's last show of the year was topped by Tony Mammarelli and Bobby Allen in a scheduled eight. But it didn't go quite that far. Tony, at 134, dealt a knockout punch during the seventh that felled Allen for good, the first time Miami has seen him down or out. Bobby comes from the Virgin Islands, and Jacksonville.

Other bouts on the December 19th program saw the six round semi taken by Jesse Humphries, 145, with a unanimous nod over Harry Bellefonte, 149. Bobby Lassiter, 164, TKOed Bernie Soto, 170, in three. Duane Simpson, 141, stopped Eddie Ludlow, 137, in two. Finally, the rhubarb. It occurred in the Mike Mammarelli-C. J. Thomas match.

Referee Frank Lauria disqualified Mike, who was making his pro debut, when Manager Frank Arata jumped to the ring apron to protest. The Miami Boxing Commision later reversed Lauria and called it "No Contest". The ref's action almost touched off a riot.

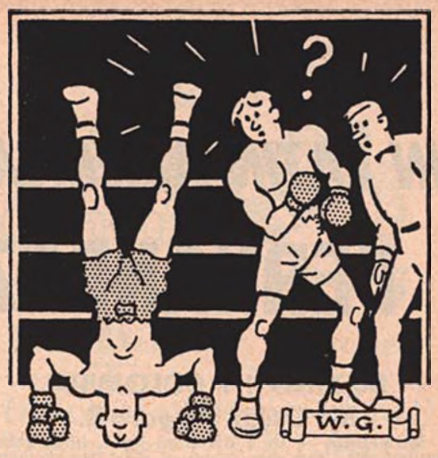
Wilbert (Skeeter) McClure will know now that he isn't ready for Luis Rodriguez. Their second meeting proved it, to the 2,568 fans at Miami Beach, and the millions who sat by television sets. Rodriguez, former world welterweight champion won sparingly on all cards in repeating the decision.

Referee Mike Kaplan, a wonder welter in his own days, gave it to Luis, 97-93; Judge Stu Winston, 97-92, and Judge Gus Jacobson, 97-93.

The winner, of Miami, and RING MAGAZINE'S top contender in the 147 pound division, scored the fight's only knockdown. He was guilty of several low blows and a point was taken away in one of the rounds. Still he had enough.

The thrilling tenth found both tossing fast and furious which rightfully accorded them at the finish, great applause. Luis, at 151, and Skeeter, 159. In 16 pro fights, McClure has lost two, both to Rodriguez.

Willie James, 155, surprised by stopping Willie Harris, 158, in the tenth and final round. Rocky Carter, 140, was too big for Sandy Seabrooke, 134, and won in a four. Stuart Duncan, 140, stopped Tommy Harper, 143, in the first. Duane Simpson, 145, won a four from Richie Smith, 153. Joe Lassiter, 164, kayoed Ernest Burns, 155½, in the second round. This was Promoter Chris Dundee's last card for 1963.



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IN LATIN AMERICA

FERNANDEZ CONTINUES COMEBACK

BOXING IN COLOMBIA
By Oscar Vergara R.

MONTERIA — In a disputed fight, undefeated lightweight, Fernando Alvarez, won the decision in 10 rounds over Alfonso "Peludo", Arnedo. In the semi-official Cipriano "Barbulito" Zuluaga, featherweight, won over José Ferrer of Colombia on a disqualifiaction in the sixth round for repeatedly hitting below the belt.

CARTAGENA—At the Circus Theatre Ring, welterweight José Gomez won by TKO in the fifth round to Luis Alejandro Castañeda, ex-champion lightweight. Both are from Colombia.

Milton Mendez, featherweight, decisioned Rafael Nuñez, in 3.

Julio Peñalver, bantamweight, kayoed Osvaldo Alfaro, in 2.

Orlando Pineda, featherweight, decisioned Remberto Palomino, in 4.

BARRANQUILLA — Sponsored by the Empresa Norte Limitada (Fegali-Guerrero-Perez), an excellent match, was held in the Tomas Arrieta Coliseum. Vicente Rivas from Venezuela, 137, won by decision over the Colombian Manuel "Jack" Hernandez, 137, in 10. In the first round Rivas floored Hernandez.

In a thriller, Justo Valdes, Colombia, 114, and Rafael Fermin from the Dominican Republic, 114, drew in the eight rounds.

Jesús "Chico" Gonzalez, 136 lbs., won by decision in the tenth round to Carlos "Baby" Vasquez, 137 lbs.

Heliodoro Pitalua, 118 lbs., won by TKO, in the fourth round to Daniel De Avila, 118 lbs.

CARTAGENA—Former middleweight champion of Venezuela, José A. Burgos, 148, won by decision in ten rounds, over former Cuban Pedro Miranda, 150.

Semi-official — Germán Castelbondo, 129 lbs., won by TKO in the fifth round, over the prospect Fernando Alvarez, 128 lbs.

Preliminaries—Orlando Pineda, featherweight, won by K.O., in the second round, to Remberto Palomino.

Humberto Caraballo, 117 lbs., won by TKO, in the second round, to Alfonso Guerrero.

CALI—In a very interesting fight to ten rounds, Mario Rositto the Colombian champ in the Welter Junior division, won by decision from the Philippine, Bert Somodio. Rositto hit the floor on one occasion in the third round, due to a solid right thrown by Somodio, but quickly got up, to win the match with good boxing techniques in the following rounds.

Official fight weights: Mario Rositto, 138 lbs.; Bert Somodio, 138 lbs., 100 grams.

Semi-official—Bernardo Caraballo, the excellent Colombian fighter won by K.O., in the first round after 35 seconds of having started. in a match against Miguel Cabezas, who held the national Bantam division. With the fight, he also lost his title. Caraballa weighed 116 lbs. and a half, while Cabezas went in with 118 lbs.

Preliminaries—The featherweight Ulises Botero won by K.O. in the second round to Ramiro Viveros. Both are from Colombia.

Besides these three fights, there were three amateur fights, which were very interesting.

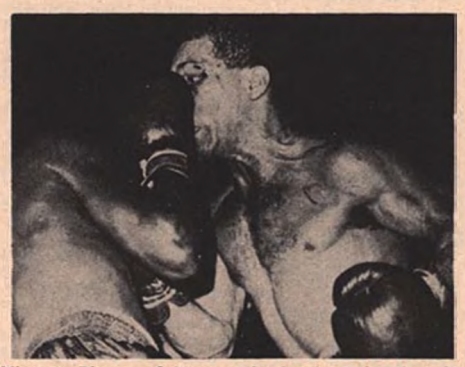
RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

Only six shows were staged during December because of the holidays. The highlight of the month was a rematch between Luis "Zorrita" Gonzalez and Mauro Miranda, won by Gonzalez by decision. The first match had been also won by Gonzalez, but by KO. In Gonzalez, the Mexican flyweight champion Efren "Alacran" Torres, has a potential challenger and a good one. All results were as follows:

▸ Jesus Garcia, 125, decisioned Hipolito Hernandez, 126, in 10. Librado Vazquez, 143, defeated Chucho Pineda, 140, by disqualification, in 2. Gerardo Luna, 117, decisioned Mario Nuño, 116, in 6.

Jose Chaparro, 125, stopped Roberto Lara, 126, in 2. Arnulfo Matias, 125, stopped Narciso Bello, 121, in 1.

▸ Luis "Zorrita" Gonzalez, 112, decisioned Mario Miranda, 114, in 10. Regelio Huitron, 125, stopped David Gomez, 126, in 5. Rodrigo Hernandez, 135, stopped Beto Gonzalez, 135, in 2. Raul Bolaños, 112, stopped Alfonso Batalla, 113, in 3. Nacho Maya, 112, and Francisco Trejo, 112, drew in 4.



Vicente Rivas, of Venezuela lands a hard right uppercut on the jaw of Manuel "Jack" Hernandez, of Colombia during their hectic ten rounder.

▸ Gabi Beltran, 112, stopped Roberto Lopez, 112, in 2. Joaquin Valazquez, 126, decisioned Agustin Molina, 126, in 8.

Rogelio Mendoza, 112, decisioned Halcon Ruiz, 111, in 6. Crescencio Mendez, 118, stopped Pirrin Figueroa, 118, in 4. Demetrio Ramirez, 134, stopped Arturo Salas, 135, in 2.

▸ Ruben Arocha, 147, Argentina, stopped Sergio Rodriguez, 147, in 6. Raymundo Bolaños, 146, stopped Jose Valenzuela, 144, in 5. Ramiro Garcia, 112, decisioned Humberto Valencia, 112, in 8.

Ruben Olguin, 120, stopped Carlos Aviles, 119, in 2. Andres Molina, 117, decisioned Carlos Rivera, 118, in 4.

▸ Polo Navarro, 118, decisioned Memo Vega, 118, in 10. Emiliano "Jorobado" Olvera, 118, stopped Juan Carlos Villanueva, 119, in 8. Chivito Lazcano, 118, stopped Cesar Garcia, 115, in 1.

Juan Villada, 134, stopped Juan Saucedo, 137, in 5. Rogelio Rea, 118, decisioned Juan Garcia, 118, in 4.

▸ Miguel Paredes, 118, decisioned Generalito Gonzalez, 118, in 7, by disqualification. Raul Reyes, 126, stopped Zorrito Castañon, 125, in 8.

Herminio Ceja, 125, stopped Pajarito Corona, 125, in 6. Raymundo Vera, 125, stopped Roberto Torres, 123, in 3. Roberto Rojas, 128, stopped Efran Andrade, 122, in 1.

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BOXING IN ECUADOR
By Bruno Stornaiolo

GUAYAQUIL — Manuel Arnal, Venezuela, 115, kayoed Miguel Herrera, 121, in the 10th. Marcela Avila, 117½, stopped Italo Cajina, Nicaraugua, 115, in the 2nd. Carlos Miranda, Argentina, 115, won a split decision over Panamanian Adolfo Osses, 118½, 10.

QUITO—Gerardo "Acorazado" Guadamuz, Venezuela, 122, kayoed Vicente Villacís, 117, in the 2nd. Daniel Guanin, 138, outboxed Leo Campbell, Panamá, 132, 10. Jaime "Chico de Oro" Valladares, 137, sent Julio "Chicha Fuerte" Ruiz, Panamá, 135, twice to the canvas and won the decision, 10.

GUAYAQUIL—César González, 118, decisioned Venezuelan Manuel Arnal, 115½, 10, and won the called "Latin-American Bantamweight Tournament". Semi-final: Panamenian Adolfo Osses, 118½, outpointed Argentinian Carlos Miranda, 115½, 10.

BOXING IN ARGENTINE
By Simón Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

▸ **SANTA FE**—Pedro Coria, lightweight, won by a TKO in fourth over Tomas Echague for the local title and Roberto Chetta outpointed José Lemos in 10 for the local middle title. Chetta retained his crown.

▸ **SAN JUAN**—In the light class, hard puncher Julio Catalini kayoed Dardo Brizuela in two.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES**—At the Luna Park ring in a return welterweight bout, Jorge Fernandez kayoed Manuel Alvarez in six.

▸ **TANDIL**—For the Argentine middle title, Hector Mora, the champ, outpointed top rated Ignacio Magellanes in 12.

▸ **MAR DEL PLATA** — In the light class Oscar Lucero won on points over Placido René Diaz.

▸ **ROSARIO**—For the local fly title, Nelson Alarcón won in 12 rounds over the champ Julio Romero.

▸ **BAHIA BLANCA**—Good prospect Luis del Rio, middleweight, undefeated, kayoed Luis Ramallo in two.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES**—At the Luna Park ring in the middle class, Celedonio Lima, undefeated, and Francisco Gelabert, drew in 10.

▸ **BAHIA BLANCA**—Eduardo Pedicconi outpointed in 12 Antonio Murano and won the local light title.

▸ **MAR DEL PLATA**—Roberto Palavecino won in 10 by devision over Oscar "Cachin" Diaz, Argentine feather champion. (Non-title bout)

▸ **SALTA**—Demetrio Carabajal whipped in 10 Enrique Barroso.

▸ **CORDOBA** — In the light division, Leonardo Peralta and Eduardo Lopez drew in 10 and Manuel Arellano won by a TKO in the fifth over Juan Mario Diaz.

▸ **TOTORAS**—In the middle class, Rogelio Gregorutii kayoed Miguel Amgel Aguero in three.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES**—At the Luna Park ring, Argentine and South American light champion Nicolino Locche, outpointed Raul Villal in 10 rounds. (Non-title bout)

▸ **MENDOZA**—In the light class, good prospect Carlos Aro won by a K.O. in second round over Santos Molina.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES**—At the Luna Park ring, good prospect in the bantam weight clan, Miguel Angel Botta, kayoed Carlos Rodriguez, ex-Argentine fly champion, in one.

▸ **TUCUMAN**—In a tough bout in the light class, Pedro Benelli and Valentin Brown, for Panama, drew in 10 rounds.

▸ **VILLA MADERO**—In the middle class, Andres Selpa kayoed Alfredo Navarro in two.

▸ **BAHIA BLANCA**—In the middle class, Miguel Gonzalez won by a T.K.O. in sixth round over Juan C. Imberti.

▸ **SAN NICOLAS**—Hugo Rambaldi, a good lightweight won by a T.K.O. in seventh round over Efren Valoso.

▸ **CORDOBA**—Miguel Carranza whipped Lisandro Guzman in 10. They are welterweights.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES**—At the Luna Park ring, Jorje Fernandez outpointed Fortunato Manca, Italian welter champion in 10.

▸ **CORDOBA**—For the local feather title, Ricardo Lescano won in 10 rounds over Manuel Arellano.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES**—At the Luna Park ring, bantam weight Miguel Angel Botta, outpointed Alejandro Juarez in 10.

THE MEXICAN PROVINCES
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar
LA LAGUNA

ONLY TWO BOXING SHOWS were staged in this territory during the last month of the year and it is unpleasant to say that 1963 was a very poor year for La Laguna boxing. Not one of our boys was able to make the grade on the fighting ring.

THE TOP ONES as Luis Ramirez, Javier Zatarain, Carlos Rios and Jose Valenzuela, are of the kind of champions when they fought second-class boxers but they look as a lot of chumps when they meet top fighters. This is really bad.

MAYBE THE "YOUNG LIONS" will bright during 1964 and we will be waiting the development of Rico Amezcua, Armando Villa, Manuel Flores and Jose Angel Zatarain.

The results of the two shows were as follows:

▸ **PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreon**—Efren "Chamaco" Jimenez, 126, Mexico City classy boy scored a 10-round decision over Luis "Estudiante" Ramirez, 125, Torreon curly high school student. It was a rough fight and the crowd were pleased all the route.

Agustin Contreras, 126, Torreon hard hitter, kayoed Manuel Arroyo, 124, Monterrey, in the fourth round. Eulogio Martinez, 132, Torreon, halted Ernesto Bustos, Monterrey, 134, also in the fourth. Both fights were scheduled as 10-round events.

Hilario Vazquez, 133, put to sleep "Brujo" Rodriguez, 136, in three. Agacio "Brown" Hernandez, 112, decisioned Mario Hernandez, 110, in four rounds.

▸ **ARENA "OLIMPICA," Gomez Palicio** — Carlos "Caluca" Rios, 141, decisioned Carlos "Marinero" Celis, 137, in ten rounds. The Mexico City's sailor boy floored Rios for a short count but Calucas arose from the canvas to get the triumph.

Pablo "JoJo" Morales, 113, the little southpaw

resulted too fast and too clever for newcomer Manuel Flores, 112, who lost the decision at the end of the full 10-round route.

Ricardo "Rico" Amezcua, 128, scored a 5-round sensational knockout over Jose Angel Zatarain, 126, kid brother of famous "Sugar." Tony Gallegos, 117, kayoed Roberto Rivera, 114, in four rounds. "Chicaro" Ramos, 115, bested Adelaido Alonso, 113, after four.

NORTHERN MEXICO

JUAREZ—Veteran "Indian" (he is not really one) Gaspar Ortega, 149, scored a 10-round unanimous decision over Aristeo Chavarin, 155, the very "green" National middleweight champion. Carlos Alvarado, 143, bested Marciano Rivas, 138, in the ten-round semifinal.

MONCLOVA—Jesus "Chuy" Guerrero, 118, drew with "Bolerito" Padilla, 117, in ten.

SOUTHERN MEXICO

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ—Five shows were staged in this tropical city and the results were as follows:

Joel Osornio, 133, Mexico City, decisioned Gustavo Garcia, 135, in ten rounds. Enrique Hernandez, 110, whipped local musquito Jesus "Chucho" Hernandez, 112, also in ten. "Casanovita" Estrada, 114, kayoed "Relampago" Zarate, 115, in the ninth heat.

Gualberto Moran, 110, got the duke over Alfonso Cazares, 109, after ten rounds. Jose Beltran, 133, kayoed "Negro" Cardoza, 134, Nicaragua, C.A., in the third heat. "Filipino" Cundapi, 117, bested Tito Jimenez, 117, in ten rounds.

Gustavo Sosa, 119, whipped hard hitter Raymundo "Chino" Vera, 119, in ten rounds. Ramon "Kiko" Torres, 119, kayoed Salvador Ortiz, 122, in the ninth.

Leoncito Peralto, 128, and "Cuervo" Sabel, 127, drew after ten rounds. Manuel Solano, 122, stopped "Chato" Castillo, 123, in the second heat.

"Zorrito" Garrido, 117, kayoed "Relampago" Zarate, 115, in the third round.

CENTRAL MEXICO

CUERNAVACA—Three boxing shows during the month in this beautiful and historic city with the results of same as follows:

Kid Chocolate, 135, got the ten-round decision over Merced Soria, 133. "Chamaco" Ortiz, 125, decisioned Florencio Dominguez, 126, also in ten rounds.

Veteran Max Huerta, 133, Mexico City, kayoed Juan Rodriguez, 135, in the fourth round. Yaco Kid, 118, drew with "Raton" Trejo, 117, in the 10-round semifinal match.

Vicente Saldivar, 125, Mexico City last sensation, had little work when he easily kayoed Felix "ChuChu" Gutierrez, 124, Cuba, in the third round. Yaco Kid, 119, bested Raul Ortiz, 118, in the ten-round semifinal bout.

PUEBLA—Monterrey Jose Lopez or "Toluco II," 126, whipped Manuel Esparza, 125, in ten rounds. Ignacio Betanzos, 122, kayoed Enrique Mendez, 120, in the sixth heat.

GUADALAJARA — The Lutteroth organization staged two boxing shows during the period and both at Arena "Coliseo." The results were as follows:

Arturo Lomeli, 130, kayoed veteran Vicente "Pichon" Ramirez, 131, Mexico City, in the ninth round. Tele Gonzalez, 119, bested Fernando Tiscareño, 118, in ten rounds.

Vicente Garcia, 117, easily whipped Rafael "Torito" Mota, 119, in ten heats. Anselmo Hernandez, 130, kayoed Pedro Navarro, 132, in the third round.

RESNILLO—Jorge Rosales, 144, Guadalajara, bested Salvador Vera, 140, in ten. Manuel Ochoa, 125, decisioned Jesus "Chunda" Garcia, 126, also in ten. Juan "Paton" Montoya, 126, stopped Freddie Aragon, 124, in the third round. "Torito" Silva, 120, halted super veteran Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 119, in the seventh.

PACIFIC COAST

MEXICALI—The fans of this border city enjoyed four boxing shows during the month.

Ignacio "Zurdo" Piña, 118, the clever and cute "Kangaroo" from Rosario, easily decisioned Kamara Diop, 117, Senegal, Africa, after ten rounds. Felipe Gonzalez, 125, bested Jose Briseño, 125, in other tenner.

Jorge "Zurdo" Salazar, 117, Durango, scored a 10-round unanimous decision over Adalberto Martinez, 116, Mexico City.

Veteran Langston Carl Morgan, 148, Youngstown, Ohio, kayoed Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 152, in four rounds. This was the "monthly" job for old L.C. Ruben Ramirez, 123, kayoed Ramiro Nidez, 122, in the second. Jose Briseño, 124, drew with "Mexico" Hernandez, 123, after 8 rounds.

Don Johnson, 126, California feather champ, kayoed Mario Diaz, 126, Guadalajara, in the fourth round. Sergio Felix, 128, bested Paco Villa, 127, in ten rounds.

ACAPULCO—Four shows during the month and all promoted by the Lutteroth corporation at Arena "Coliseo." The results as follows:

"Sugar" Pino, 118, local newcomer, kayoed Arcadio Ramirez, 117, in the seventh. Marcos "Perro" Aguilar, 125, stopped "Casanovita" Arroyo, 123, in the fifth round.

Juan Molina, 110, bested "Raton" Perez, 113, in ten rounds. Kid Chocolate, 135, whipped Raul Arredondo, 133, in eight rounds.

Jose Jimenez, 125, Mexico City, scored a 10-round decision over Juan Ibares, 124, local champion. Jesus "Chucho" Castillo, 118, won by disqualification over Cid Cardenas, 117, in the third round.

"Sugar" Pino, 119, decisioned Johnny Cajina, 116, Nicaragua, C.A., in ten rounds. Joel Garcia, 117, and "Gato" Navarrete, 117, drew after 8 rounds.

AGUA PRIETA—Bobby Rascon, 185, kayoed Rizon Ruiz, 193, in the third round. Carlos Morales, 135, bested Conrado Salazar, 136, in eight rounds.

GULF COAST

JALAPE—Veteran wise guy Ezequiel "Chicles" Uribe, 136, easily bested young "Pantera" Jacome, 134, after ten unilateral rounds.

CORDOBA—Jesus "Chucho" Pastrana, 133, won over Johnny Ortiz, 130, in ten. Kid Porfirio, 117, outpointed "Raton" Ramirez, 117, in eight rounds.

VERACRUZ—Humberto Santos, 123, Salvador, C.A., kayoed Cesareo Castillo, 125, in the seventh. Enrique Lopez, 110, stopped "Veracruz" Carmona, 109, in the fifth.

TAMPICO—Two shows were staged during the period in this important harbor and the results of both were as follows:

Monterrey Jose Lopez, 125, outscored Elias Vargas, 124, in ten rounds. Raul Barcelo, 120, local proud, bested Manuel Galvez, in ten heats.

Raymundo "Battling" Torres, 148, national welter champion, kayoed veteran David Cervantes, 150, in only two rounds. Carlos Hernandez, 119, bested Tony Gutirrez, 123, in ten. Jose "Zurdo" Lozano, 132, Monterrey southpaw, outpointed Jose "Pollo" Gabiño, 135, also in ten rounds.

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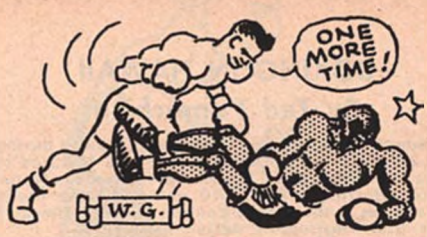

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BOXING IN HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

▸ Only two programs were staged in Hawaii during December in which Denny Moyer was featured in both. In the first on December 3, he easily defeated Hurricane Kid in 10 rounds but he found his master in the second contest in which Hawaii's star, Stan Harrington, decisioned Denny.

Here are the month's results:

▸ Denny Moyer, 154¼, won easily over Hurricane Kid, 154, 10 rds. Dave Reed, 153½, TKO'ed Kenny Scott, 157, in the 6th of 8.

Johnny Santos, 141½, TKO'ed Lowell Franklin, 136¼, in 4th of 6. Henry Mailolo, 140½, decisioned Sugar Malo, 140¾, 6 rds. Marcellus Dudoit, 166, outpointed Mike Fiso, 168, 3 rds.

▸ Stan Harrington, 153½, decisioned Denny Moyer, 156, 10 rds. Johnny Santos, 142½, beat Winnie Schelt, 142½, 8 rds.

Lionel Rivera, 124¾, knocked out Bobby Higa, 121, in the 4th of 5. Joey Carreiro, 133½, won over Bobby Pereira, 132¾, 4 rds. George Madeira, 147, outpointed Freddie Lau, 140½, 3 rds.

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V.B.A. ROUNDUP

By Packey O'Gatty

(Left-to-Right)—Frankie Neil, ex-bantam champ, a great one in his day, he fought the Attells, Abe and Monte; Owen Moran; Joe Bowker; Ad Wolgast; Eddie Hanlon and others. In the center, Floyd "Red" Taylor; and Mike McClure, who fought the immortal Stanley Ketchel in 1906. Photo was taken recently at Point Richmond California.

▸ Harry Pegg, Ring #1 Gold Glove member is very happy. His wife "Muzzy" is out of the hospital in Philadelphia. Pegg's "Boxiana Review" got a terrific review in the New York Journal-American, by Dan Parker. Lew Tendler wrote the foreword on "Boxiana Review".

Nig Normart, the 80-year old of Fresno's Veteran Boxers Association, is well again. This gladiator fought two 40-rounders in 1903-1906 out on the Pacific Coast.

Lew Eskin has been reelected President of Bergen-Passaic Counties V.B.A. #9.

Joe Lynch, two-time world bantam champion, first New Yorker to win a world title under the Walker Law, and honorary member of Philadelphia's Ring #1, is back again in New City, Rockland County, N. Y., Lynch's old ring rival the great litle whirlwind Jack Sharkey (Hudson County Ring #14) has gotten over a serious stomach operation.

▸ At Philadelphia's V.B.A. Ring #1, Tony Strazzeri was elected President without opposition, as Joe Sweeney declined to run. Strazzeri, featherweight boxer from 1929-1939, engaged in 80 ring battles. Vice President, Joe Conroy; Recording-Secretary, Billy King; Treasurer, Al Frazee; Sergeants-at-Arms, the popular Pat Bradley and Johnny Downey; Board of Directors, Joe McGuigan, Benny Kauffman, Joe Egan, Johnny Clark, Jack Sebastian, Al Monohan, Mike Schuman, Tony Morgano and Dave Ferris.

Frankie Pitcher, of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, keeps his brother-in-law Assistant Deputy Warden Tubman in condition by boxing a few rounds before he reports for work at the Brooklyn House of Detention.

▸ At recent meeting of New York's V.B.A. Ring #8, Ben Jeby, former Middleweight Champ, was elected Secretary; new President, Irving Silverman; Treasurer, Benny Nabors; Vice Presidents, Al Reid and Mickey Black.

Congratulations to Hudson County Ring #14's "Marty O'Brien" Sinatra, his wife Natalie, their son Frank Sinatra and his family for the safe return, of their 19-year old kidnapped Frank Sinatra, Jr.

On March 7, 1914, an unscheduled bare-knuckle battle took place, when Young Rector (Ring #14) and Mike Rosen failed to hear the bell in the 10th round of their hot battle at Brown's. Rosen's manager, Bill McCormick, and referee Bill Brown got into the act and belted each other while Rector and Rosen kept on fighting. The cops jumped in. Later on McCormick and Brown became New York Boxing Commissioners.

Young Corbet and Fred Apostoli were honored by the Edison Social Club, of Fresno's V.B.A. Billy Mahoney was co-chairman. Mahoney that same evening celebrated his granddaughter's third anniversary, with 20 other old time Pacific Slope leather pushers.

Max Schmeling, former World Heavyweight Champion, was made honorary President of Germany's first Veteran Boxer's Association of Frankfurt-am-Main. Gerd Riethenauer is President and Chairman of the Board. Riethenaler's gym is the club's headquarters.

Frankie De Meyer, Brooklyn's Ring #21, post cards that he is so fascinated with Florida sunshine, that he is thinking of living in Miami . . . De Meyer was a tough lightweight, having fought such "suckers" as Knockout Brown, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Johnny Dohan, Packey Hommey, Harry Pierce, Young Dyson.

▸ VBA lost a good friend with the passing of George Richards, of Hoboken, on December 27 of a heart attack. George who was a trustee of Ring #14 and a member of the board of the newly formed Boxer's Fraternal Organization, fought 200 fights as a bantam and featherweight from 1916 to 1928.

Richards who saw service in both World Wars and was twice wounded during World War Two was 68. He had been a car salesman following his retirement from the Navy in 1946.

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READING AND WRITING

New Boxing, Judo and Karate books are making their appearances quite early this year. Among the outstanding pictorial additions is "Boxiana Review", a compact publication in offset, the size of The Ring Magazine, published by Harry Pegg, one of the editors of the Veterans' Boxing Association in Philadelphia. Harry has gathered a singular collection of old time photographs, many seldom or never before seen by the public.

The cover shows Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries and the inside pages have full size photographs of fights that rate among the world's greatest. Celebrities from 1892, the beginning of the new era in pugilism when Jim Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan, are on display. Every boxing enthusiast should have a copy as a memento.

The book can be obtained from Harry Pegg at 7345 W. 21st Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The latest book on Judo, the "New England Judo News", is published by Ted Rose in Medford, Mass., and contains loads of excellent material on the Japanese sport, which will be part of the Olympic competition for the first time next October in Tokyo.

In addition to many photographs, the book contains a page of words in Japanese, translated into English, for those who plan going to the Games.

NEW ORLEANS BOXING
By Ike Morales

▸ Could Ralph Dupas' ring career be on the downgrade?

At 28, the New Orleans former Whiz Kid has engaged in more than 125 pro fights. He won 102 of them.

When Dupas was unsuccessful in regaining his synthetic junior-middleweight crown from Sandro Mazzinghii of Italy recently in Sydney, Australia, it marked the first time that an opponent twice whipped Ralph.

Dupas has never failed to turn the tables on a fighter who had previously beaten him—that is, if said opponent agreed to give Ralph a chance to avenge himself.

But in Mazzinghi, Ralph, despite a good effort, was unable to cope with the much stronger Italian, who finished the New Orleans boy in the 13th round, when Referee Vic Patrick halted the contest when Mazzinghi landed a terrific right to the jaw one minute, 10 seconds after the start of the fatal 13th. Earlier in this round, Dupas had been floored twice. It was Dupas' first loss in an Australian ring.

▸ New Orleans promoters are hopeful of landing some top attractions for 1964. Bonnie Geigerman of the Magnolia Boxing Club said he was offering Angelo Dundee a good price to let his Willie Pastrano defend his light-heavyweight crown against Wayne Thornton or Bobo Olson in the Crescent City . . . Willie also had offers to defend his title in Germany and England following his non-title victory over the veteran Mike Holt of South Africa last November at ohannesburg.

Germany wanted Willie against Gustave Scholtz, while English promoters were angling with Pastrano's services with Terry Downes. Pastrano's fight with Holt drew 20,000 fans. Reports contend that Willie gave a typical display of boxing skill, especially through the first five rounds.

▸ The 28-year-old Pastrano let the 32-year-old South African come to him. Then Willie either slipped Holt's punches or blocked them with his gloves and arms. Willie knew he had to keep moving to win since Holt relies mainly on a left hook. Holt had scored 31 knockouts. Holt was the aggressor throughout, but he was unable to pierce Pastrano's defenses often.

▸ World Boxing Association president Ed Lasman announced in New Orleans that Carlos Ortiz would defend his lightweight title in San Juan, Puerto Rico, against Kenny Lane on April 4.

The decision was reached, according to Lassman, after representatives of both fighters met with WBA officials in the offices of the Louisiana Athletic Commission.

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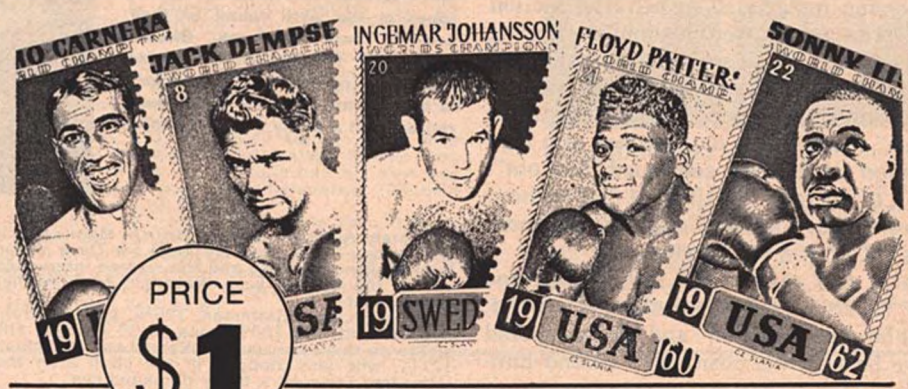

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By
JOHN S. SHARPE

LONDON KAYO DISPUTED

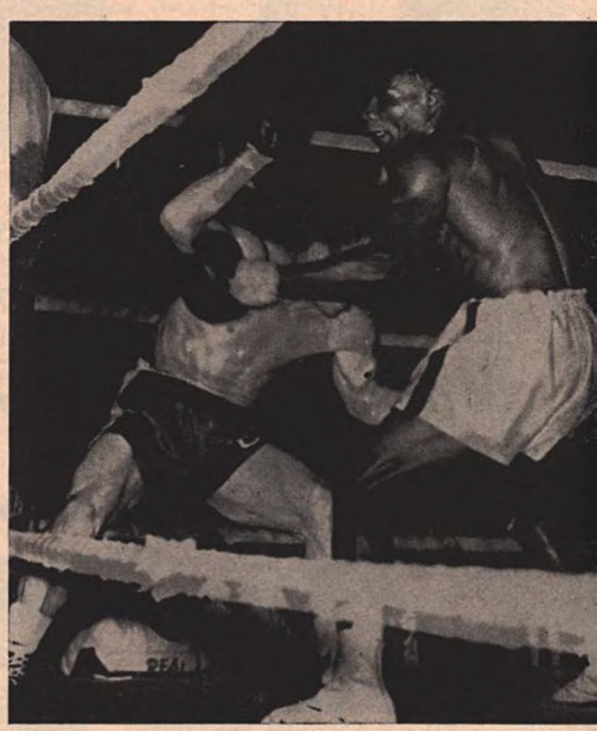
NEWCASTLE. The record books will say that Brian London, Blackpool, 210, had knocked out Billy Nielsen, U.S.A., 197, in the fourth. The ending will be discussed in The North whether referee Jim Folland after calling "break" had told the contestants to "Box On".

Both men were in a clinch when the referee gave his order to break, and at the same time turned to Nielsen as if to talk to him, when London dashed past him and landed a hard right to the undefended jaw of the American. The latter staggered back without going to the canvas, and soon after another clinch with the same order, "break". Nielsen stepped back and attempted to walk around the ring, with his back turned.

London immediately rushed after Nielsen and threw a right over his shoulder, forcing him to take a count amid pandemonium of the booing crowd, referee Folland took up the count, and when Nielsen was up at "nine" the referee's outstretched arm held London back as he continued "the out". Most of the fans had thought that the bout was stopped, but the official announcement was a K.O. win for London.

You dear readers can fathom that one out. Referee Jim Folland stated afterward, that he called "box on" and Nielsen should have been in the position to defend himself.

Al Royce, Jamaica, 188, stopped Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 207, in the sixth after the latter had received a badly cut eye. Jack Spenceley, Middlesborough, 199, outpointed Mike Bastin, Leicester, 192, in six. Tommy Baldwin, Gateshead, 161, stopped Simon Assani, Leicester, 161, in the eighth, after the latter had taken a count of "eight" and was not in a condition to defend himself.



British Empire Champion Floyd Robertson (right) drives top ranking Billy Calvert, of Sheffield, to the ropes in the sixth round of their non-title bout in Accra, Ghana. Robertson, fighting before home folks, was awarded a TKO victory in the seventh round when Calvert retired with a badly damaged nose.

NOTTINGHAM—Jack Grant, Chesterfield, 174, won the vacant Cruiserweight Title of The Midlands by defeating Roy Seward, Lincoln, 173¾, in the third. As the bell ended the round, Referee Frank Parkes stepped over to the corner of Seward and then called a halt in favor of Grant.

Jackie Powell, Preston, 147, put a dent into the unbeaten record of Fred Powney, Doncaster, 146½, when he gained a points win after eight gruelling rounds. Kenny Lewis, Lincoln, 156¼, outpointed Alan Newby, Grimsby, 159, in six. Tommy Tiger, Nigeria, 134½, stopped Pat Murphy, Beeston, 136, in the fifth. Darkie Smith, Wednesbury, 154½, and John Charles, Leicester, 155½, fought a draw in six.

MARYLEBONE — Phil Lundgren, Bermondsey, 127, gained a well earned points win over Mick Greaves, Leicester, 127½, in a thrilling ten. Both suffered cut eyes, but this did not deter them from going for each other.

George Aldridge, former British Middleweight Champion, 161½, was too good for Dave Wakefield, Hackney, 160½, and the referee intervened during the fifth to save Wakefield from further punishment.

Harry Pickard, Battersea, 126¾, goes on from success with his 100% wins in 15 outings. His victim on this occasion was Peter Lavery, Belfast, 127½, who was stopped in the sixth after the latter had received a badly damaged eye.

Tony Riley, Coventry, 127¾, former amateur champion, made a good start in the professional ranks with a points win over Arnold Bell, Jamaica, 129, in six.

Bernie Sutton, Willesden, 167½, outpointed Billy Allport, Walsall, 166¼, in six. Brian Humphries, West Ham, 160, outpointed Ray Raheem, Leicester, 163, in six.

Harry Hillary, Spennymoor, 156¾, having his first paid contest, put paid to Roy Burke, Jamaica, 154, when the referee intervened in his favor to save Burke from further punishment.

WALWORTH—Don Weller, Battersea, Southern Area Bantamweight Champion, 118, defeated Tommy Burgoyne, Plean, Scottish Bantamweight Champion, 117¾, in a hectic eight. Brian McCaffrey, Liverpool, 146¾, stopped Ivan Whiter, Tooting, 145¼, in the eighth, when Referee Tommy called a halt midway during the last round.

Len Hobbs, Battersea, 198, outpointed Len (Rocky) James, Cardiff, 198, in six.

Eric Cartmel, Covent Garden, 136, will be the first boxer under the new rules to win by a knockout during what was to be the minutes' rest. His opponent Brian Rennie, Cardiff, 138, was hit by a left and right as the bell ended the first round, but under the NEW RULES, a boxer must rise under his own steam, or be counted out.

Peter Morgan, Stepney, 152, stopped Ricky Porter, Shepherds Bush, 150½, in the fourth, owing to the latter having sustained a badly cut eye. Ron Lendrum, Cardiff, 121½, was too good for Mick Taheny, West Ham, 118, and the bout was stopped during the sixth in favor of Lendrum.

LEEDS—Promoters Jack and Arthur Green staged a successful Charity Show at The Town Hall. Bobby Fisher, Craigeuk, 127½, gained a narrow points win over the aggressive Dennis Adjie, Ghana, 127, in an all action ten.

Tony Lewis, Camden Town, 147, gained a clea points win over Wilson Harris, U.S.A., 147½ after a thrilling ten.

Joe Bell, Jamaica, 160½, and Johnny Ange Nigeria, 160, fought furiously throughout the eight rounder before Bell was awarded the point decision, and in appreciation, the fans showere the ring with "Nobbins." Neil Hawcroft, Sheffiel 127, gained a close points win over Mick Carne Wakefield, 129, in a thrilling six.

Kurt Morrison, Leeds, 138½, outpointe Sammy Rex George, Nigeria, 135½, in six. Charli Grice, Manchester, 149¼, stopped Ray Stirrup Liverpool, 146½, in the sixth when the latte received a badly cut eye.

WYVERN SPORTING CLUB, Manchester—Ma colm Worthington, Crewe, was declared the wi ner over Jimmy Blanche, Coventry, when th latter in the lead, received a badly cut eye durin the third and the bout was stopped in favor Worthington. They are cruiserweights.

Tommy Blackwell, Brixton, outpointed Al Rocc Manchester, in a featherweight eight. Young M Cormack, Dublin, stopped Patrick Onowuma Nigeria, in the third of a middleweight bout.

Gordon McAteer, Birkenhead, easily outpointe Sugar Ray Johnson, Nigeria, in a lightweight si

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, London—Howar Winstone, Merthyr, British and European Feathe weight Champion, 124, became the proud owne of The Second Lonsdale Belt, outright, when h outboxed and outfought plucky John O'Brie Glasgow, 126, over 15 rounds.

The 850 Members in Dinner Jackets (capacit crowd) saw the brilliant Welshman at his bes A perfect left lead and every other punch in th text books were unloaded against the aggressiv Scot. The most that could be given O'Brien wa two rounds and one even. The rest were wo by Winstone by a wide margin.

Both boxers received a tremendous receptio when the bout ended and The Lord Lonsdale Be was put round the waist of Champion Winston

Joe Somerville, Berkhampstead, 153, ou pointed Eddie Avoth, Cardiff, 155½, in six round of two minutes each. Carl Taylor, Richmon 115½, outpointed Gerald Jones, Merthyr, 115½ in six. Gordon Davies, Merthyr, 135½, stoppe

Tommy Blackwell, Brixton, 137¼, in the first.

MANCHESTER—Johnny Kramer, West Ham, 145, Southern Area Welterweight Champion, defeated Nat Jacobs, Manchester, 148½, on points in a hard fought ten. Kramer accurately scored with his left leads which piled on the points for a splendid win.

The surprise of the night was the sensational knockout win for the 19-year-old Jackie Harwood, Bolton, 159, over former British Middleweight Champion, George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 161, who was forced to take the full count from a left hook to the body in 2 mins. 42 secs. of the first round.

Tony Barlow, Manchester, 109, stopped Jimmy McAllister, Edinburgh, 114, in the second.

Neil Hawcroft, Sheffield, 127, outpointed Freddie Dobson, Manchester, 128, in six.

Bill Rowan, Manchester, 149¾, stopped Wesley Williams, Earlstown, 146, in the first. Fred Pownie, Doncaster, 149, outpointed Shaun Doyle, Barnsley, 146½, in six. Gerry Chippendale, Manchester, 158, stopped Jack Powie, Preston, 160, in the fourth.

WALWORTH—Promoter Tom Gibbons, former Cruiserweight and now "Mine Host" at The Thomas A'Beckett in The Old Kent Road, started off with a house full at The Manor Place Baths. Popular Vic Andreetti, Hoxton, 138, and Chris Elliott, Leicester, 137½, gave the fans all the excitement in their eight-rounder, and Referee Benny Caplan decided that they were equal in merit and gave a popular decision, a draw.

Teddy Haynes, Bermondsey, 161½ punched too hard for Roy Thomas, Streatham, 160, and at the end of the first he was advised to retire.

Johnny McKenna, Southend, 138¼, outpointed Micky Laud, St. Ives, 140¾, in a hard-hitting eight.

Johnny Jackson, Westminster, 152, outpointed Ray Vallone, Battersea, 148¾, in six. Rudolph Vaughan, Oxford, 181, stopped Chris Cox, Penge, 179, in the second.

MIDDLESBOROUGH — Willie Hart, Glasgow, 162½, outpointed Orlando Paso, Nigeria, 162, in eight. Jack Spenceley, Middlesborough, 198, knocked out Dave Maxwell, London, 186, in the first.

Francis Ibe, Glasgow, 134, gained a points win over John Bacon, Middlesborough, 139, in eight.

George Palin, Crewe, 153, outpointed Tex Woodward, Bristol, 147¾, in eight. John Charles, Leicester, stopped Alva Gordon, Middlesborough, in the fifth of a lightweight bout.

SHOREDITCH — Johnny Kramer, West Ham, Southern Area Welterweight Champion, 147½, although trailing on points at the half way, managed to get on top toward the end of the scheduled eight to gain a points win over Ernest Musso, 147¾.

Bobby Davies, West Ham, 125½, and Kid Solomon, Jamaica, 124½, fought a scrambling eight to a draw. Bernie Sutton, Willesden, 165, knocked out Tommy Lawrence, West Ham, 164, half way during the second. A left hook followed by a barrage of head blows had Lawrence down for the full count.

Terry Lye, Acton, 152½, outpointed Ray Fallone, Battersea, 149¼, in a thrilling six. Colin Lake, Holloway, 127¾, outpointed Arnold Bell, Paddington, 130, in six.

▶ Jack London, West Hartlepool Heavyweight, Former British and Empire Champion, died of a heart attack at the age of 50. His son Brian made the discovery in their Blackpool home.

SASSARI . . . CARDINIA—Alex O'Neill, Belfast, was defeated by the European Flyweight Champion, Salvatore Burrini, Italy, in 1 min. 38 secs. of the fifth, when the referee intervened to save the Irish lad from further punishment.

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▶ "Wee" Walter McGowan, Scotland's British and Empire Flyweight Champion, was voted by The Boxing Writers' Club of Great Britain as The Best Young Boxer of 1963. McGowan, age 21, gained this honor by one of the biggest majority of votes since Randolph Turpin, 82% of the votes rated him this high honor.

ACCRA, GHANA — Floyd Robertson, Ghana, Featherweight Champion of The British Empire, stopped Billy "Cowboy" Calvert, Sheffield, in the seventh of a non-title bout.

DRUMBEATS FROM RHODESIA
By Tommy Miller

During the past few weeks it has been all quiet on the boxing front in Rhodesia, but the grappling game has managed to struggle on.

With the ending of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland the spot-light has been on the fast changing political scene. In Northern Rhodesia there is to be a general election at the end of January, under a new constitution aimed at giving the territory self-government; and it is anticipated that this will be followed by complete independence within the next few months.

It is reckoned that once things sort themselves out there will be a bright future for sport in Northern Rhodesia. Dr. Kenneth Kaunda is a keen follower of boxing, and he is anxious to see the game prosper in Northern Rhodesia.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

▶ Cid Cloma, 132, lightweight champion of the Visayan Islands, defeated Sugar Roy Yalong, 133, in 10 rounds under the promotion of Armando Besa at the Besa Boxing Arena. Delegates from Japan, Thailand and South Korea for the convention of the Oriental Boxing Federation were in attendance.

Cid proved too good for Yalong. It was an easy job for the referee and two judges of the evening.

Rudy Villagonza, 116, bested Bruno Capillanes, 119, of Davao in 10 round supporting main event. Rudy was a willing aggressive fighter.

Remy Campos, 126, stopped Warcito Brillo, 126, in 6 rounds. Remy received the mandatory 8-count in the third when caught by right to the chin. The GAB physician stopped the bout when Brillo received a big cut inside his lower lip.

Roy Amolong, 126, decisioned War Tagaloguin, 134, in 8. Flash Dumdum, 119, and Rudy Castillo, 119, drew in 8. Willie Alde, 120, halted Star Valdes, 122, in 3. Roy Halili. 109, beat Nicanor Cruz, 112, in 6 round curtain raiser.

▶ Veeranid Charernmuang, 126, of Thailand and former Oriental featherweight champion, badly outpointed Orlando Medina, 126, in 10 rounds in Cebu City. The Thailander was faster although the Cebuano was stronger but missed often. Medina was on the way to the floor when the bell came to his rescue.

Little Paramount, 112, outpointed Billy Brown, 112, in another 10 rounder. These little two fighters started the fireworks from the third to the last stanza. Paramount had the edge in the exchanges.

Tony Jumaoas, 125, kayoed Fred Gallardo, 126, in 8. Ben Navar, 116, bested Speedy dela Cruz, 116, in 6. Roger Olfas, 122, defeated Romy Rey, 122, in 6. Felix Maglasang, 112, and Baby Jimsey, 112, drew in 6. Alfredo delos Santos. 112, decisioned Romy Villafumar, 112, in 4. Flash Martin, 124, kayoed Gil Luna, 124, in 2.

▶ Jose Sugar Bonus, 119, kayoed Junie Morgado, 118, in second round of the triple main event at the Besa Boxing Arena. Bonus downed Junie with a left for the mandatory 8-count. A right ended the evening for Morgado.

Tony David, 114, and Rudy Alarcon, 116, drew in 10. Rudy Villagonza, 116, halted Bonnie Borromeo, 117, in 9th round. Rudy had his own way of fighting a southpaw. Erbito Salavarria, 106, beat Fel Bartolome, 110, in 4.

Rey Miller, 123, defeated Frankie Tavo, 123, in 8. Jessie del Valle, 120, and Del Asuncion, 129, drew in 8. Jet Parker, 113, decisioned Segismundo Macalalad, 112, in 6. Joe Lepiten, 118, bested Star Joe, 121, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

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3. Brian London (E)	3. Yama Bahama (B)	3. Maurice Cullen (E)	3. Billy Males (A)
4. Joe Erskine (W)	4. Blair Richardson (C)	4. Sammy McSpadden (S)	4. George Bowes (E)
5. Jim Cooper (E)	5. Teddy Haynes (E)	5. Kimpo Amarfio (G)	5. Alan Rudkin (E)
6. Johnny Prescott (E)	6. Harry Scott (E)	6. Vic Andreetti (E)	6. Don Weller (E)
7. Billy Walker (E)	7. Wally Swift (E)	7. Love Allotey (G)	7. Brian Cartwright (E)
8. Joe Bygraves (J)	8. Reg Hayes (A)	8. Teddy Meho (G)	8. Alex Ambrose (S)
9. Dave Ould (E)	9. Joe Bell (J)	9. Aldo Pravisani (A)	9. Noel Kunde (A)
10. Ray Shiel (E)	10. Johnny Angel (N)	10. Graham Dicker (A)	10. Mick Hussey (E)

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6. Bob Nicholson (E)	6. Gary Cowburn (A)	6. Johnny O'Brien (S)	6. Alex O'Neil (I)
7. Stan Cullis (E)	7. Bob Cofie (G)	7. Billy Calvert (E)	7. Baby John (RH)
8. Burke Emery (C)	8. Johnny Kramer (E)	8. Phil Lundgren (E)	8. Sammy Lang (A)
9. Sipa Fine (FI)	9. Peter Schmidt (C)	9. Joe Tetteh (G)	9. Danny Lee (S)
10. Earl Nikora (NZ)	10. Joey Durelle (C)	10. Johnny Mantle (E)	10. Kid Solomon (J)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guinea; (C) Canada; (E) England; (FI) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tongi; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

By CHARLEY PARRISH

PAPP KAYOS BULL FIGHTER FOLLEDO

Challenger Luis Folledo covers up under the steady attack of Champion Laszlo Papp moments before the Spaniard went to the canvas in the eighth round.

MADRID, SPAIN. The oft-deferred title bout between champion Laszlo Papp and challenger Luis Folledo finally took place at the Sports Palace. The fight attracted a full house, 15,000 fans paid about $55,000, to create a new attendance record for Spanish boxing. The main event didn't get started until after midnight.

In the second a terrific right shook Folledo and Papp closed in for a spell of in-fighting. The tall Spaniard slipped out of reach, used his left well and landed a hard right before the round ended.

Papp stalked his man mercilessly, throwing hooks with tremendous power whenever he got in range.

In the fifth the Magyar got in with two smashing hooks and Folledo fell back halfway through the ropes, almost out on his feet. He managed to stagger upright in time and boxed a fast retreat until the gong.

In the eighth Papp moved forward throwing hook after hook into the Spaniard's head and body. Folledo sank to the canvas and a few moments later referee Ike Powell stepped in to raise Papp's arm.

On the rest of the card, Fred Galiana, 146, made a brilliant fight against the Brazilian champion, Da Silva, 150, winning 8 of 10 rounds from his heavier and taller opponent. Rodriguez Mendez, 155, champion of Andalusia, was held to a draw by Felipe Alayeto, 153, over 8 rounds and finally, José Luis Velasco emerged triumphant after 8 rounds with the dour French slugger, Gilles Dieudé, in a cruiser bout.

Sandro Mazzinghi handed out a severe lacing to Ralph Dupas in Australia in a return match for his Junior Middles title. A few hours after the bout was stopped in his favor, he took a clipping from the taxmen.

Not so lucky was Fortunato Manca, who was defeated by Jorge Fernandez in Buenos Aires and Primo Zamperini was stopped with facial cuts in seven rounds by the Ghanaian, Love Allotey, in Australia. Joe Rafiu King forced Ameur Lamine to retire in the fifth round of a feathers bout in Tunis.

Harko Kokmeyer, the Dutch middleweight champion, has decided to retire; we thought Albert Westphal had retired but is still active and thus returns to the ratings. De Piccoli has resumed training and may fight again shortly.

▸ **SANTANDER, Spain**—Luis Torcida won clearly over 8 rounds from Ricardo Navarro in a lightweight scrap.

At **CORUNNA,** Ramon Casal stopped Antonio Lozano in the ninth frame of a feathers bout.

At **LAS PALMAS,** Cesareo Barrera trounced Felipe Alayeto in a welter 8.

▸ **SANTA CRUZ, Spain**—Sombrita Albornoz, the lightweight champion, completely outclassed his opposite number from Portugal, Vitor (Vita) Alves, who was decked in the second and fourth frames and knocked out in the fifth. The poor fight made by Alves nearly caused a riot among the spectators. José Luis Martinez was held to a draw by local feathers puncher, Palenke II, over 8 rounds.

▸ **SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain**—An unusual incident occurred in the fourth round of a welter slam between Manuel Prieto and Laquidain. Both fighters, slugging it out, landed heavy punches. Laquidain, belted on the chin, staggered back to sag into the ropes while Prieto, struck in the midriff, spun round and wobbled toward his corner. Laquidain's manager hurriedly threw in the towel without seeing Prieto collapse. He revived two minutes later to learn he had won by tko.

▸ **MADRID, Spain**—At the Fieste Alegre, Felix Alonso soundly defeated the flyweight champion, Luis Rodriguez, in a non-title 8-rounder. Despite the champion's superior reach, Alonso won almost every round.

Arranz won from Serrano in a fast bantam eight, Rizo knocked out Pedro Marco in three and Joaquin Gonzalez won from Aguilera in a feathers six.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—Francisco Carreno halted De Pablo in the eighth round of a feathers mill due to a cut eye Manuel Vilches whipped Tormo in a feathers six and Pinto stopped Dos Santos in the sixth round of a lightweight scuffle.

▸ **CANNES, Frances**—Jean Rolland, now a middleweight, outscored Jean Ruellet over ten rounds here.

At **EPERNAY,** local veteran Robert Meunier was outscored by the Italian lightweight Luigi Braccini over ten heats.

At **CALAIS,** Daniel Deneux whipped Lucien Hennebelle in a lightweight ten.

▸ **GRENOBLE, France**—Sugar Ray Robinson did a spot of barnstorming, taking up the cudgels with André Davier at the local ice rink and outpointing the local middleweight by a very large points margin. The bout only attracted 2,500 spectators.

▸ **ROTTERDAM, Holland**—Leen Jansen kept active with a close win over the crafty Senegalese, Moussa Sangaree, in a lightheavy ten. Sangaree was faster but Jansen's heavy attacks to the body slowed him up. Gerd Berkhout shared honors with Jo Peig in a bantam eight and Toon Nagtegaal trimmed Robert Leveque in a welter six.

▸ **MESTRE, Italy**—The new junior welter title was disputed by Sandro Lopopulo and Luigi Caruso, a fast and interesting bout over 12 rounds clearly won by Sandro also Caruso never gave up trying.

At the same weight, Piero Brandi was surprisingly given a beating by Massimo Consolati, who butted open a dangerous cut beneath Brandi's left eye. Brandi held his left glove in front of the eye which the ref took to be a signal for retirement and raised Consolati's arm as the winner. Elio Niero whipped Tramonti in a welter 8 and Nevio Carbi stopped Bruni in five, flyweights.

▸ **CANNES, France**—Tullio Zanirato, Italian southpaw, had to retire with an injured left arm in the third round of his bout with local lightweight Leon Zadourian. Enrico Piccinelli was shaded by Jesus Zarco of Spain in a lightie 8.

▸ **LYONS, France**—Two local stars returned after layoffs, Jean Josselin forcing Francisco Montecatino to retire in the eighth heat of a welter debate and big Paul Schiller stopping Henri Ferjules in the third session of a heavies slam.

Jean Sandroni drew with Porcel in a bantam six.

▸ **LA SPENA, Italy**—Carmelo Coscia outclassed Alfredo Franceschi in a fast bantam eight here while Flavio Mazzoni easily disposed of Bonettini, knocking his man out in the second stage of a cruiser bout. Toni Sassarini forced Mario Bianchi to retire in the third heat of a bantam fray.

▸ **RAVENNA, Italy**—Geppno Gentiletti was ruled out in the fourth frame of a middles bout for butting Gian Raccagni, Asioli trimmed Genari over 6 rounds, light welters and Barlati won from Cavazza in a lightweight six.

At **BORLI,** Robert Alpi drew with Gerardini in a welter six and Maffeis lost to Romani in a bantam six.

▸ **PARIS**—At the Central—Charles Genta trounced Benny Sidel of Algeria in a bantam eight and René Douarre drew with Aldo Asaro in feathers six.

At **LE CREUSOT,** Maurice Tavant stopped Lucien Moreau in five rounds, due to a cut eye, lightweights.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—Francisco Carreno drubbed Luis Rodriguez in a bantam 8, Palomo drew with Tari in a welter 6 and Penarubia iced Gimenez in two rounds.

At **OVIEDO,** Ventura Mesa, local lightie, won from Ricardo Navarro in 8. Rivero beat Kid Martin and Alvarez laced Romero in a welter six.

▸ **SANTA CRUZ, Spain**—Sombrita Albornoz swarmed into Mario Oberti, handing out such a belting that the Italian retired during the second round, badly knocked about. Carmelo "Gancho" (Hooker) Garcia knocked out Juan Lopez Rodriguez of France in the fifth round after scoring two knockdowns.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—Vicente Ferrando got the nod over Louis Barcelo in the main spot of a Franco-Spanish fiesta. It was a gory scrap with Ferrando the heavier puncher.

Andres Canaveras was stopped in the seventh round of another welter fray by Antonio Torres.

Manuel Carvajal edged out a win from Saverio Vitabile in feathers 8.

Manuel Vilches was beaten by Charles Bey in a lightweight six and José Legra, Cuban feathers flash, won a hard bout from Luis Aisa over 8 rounds, dropping Aisa for a count in the second round.

▸ **COPENHAGEN, Denmark** — Lief Schmuecker made a resounding success of his second pro start, beating Sauveur Chiocca of France over 8 rounds but the Corsican was a mere shadow of his former self, allowing Schmuecker to win at a canter.

Teddy Lassen shellacked veteran Sander Bonde in a lightweight 8 to make himself unofficial champion and Erik Joergensen stopped Albert Caillaux of France in the third heat of a welter bout. Cruiser Finn Jensen bested Jean-Claude Blond in 8 rounds.

▸ **PAVIA, Italy**—Giancarlo Biancardi scored his twelfth straight win by outpointing the Spanish cruiser, Luis Serra, over 8 rounds.

▸ **MILAN, Italy**—Lino Mastellaro's prospects of challenging Winstone for the European title were badly shaken by the sharp-shooting Antonio Paiva, a Brazilian feather. Mastellaro had beaten Paiva two years previous but this time was unable to get going and in the fourth round was tottering on the verge of a knockout defeat. Paiva has plenty of steam and won clearly.

Renato Moraes, 171, rocked Jack Bodell, 190, on three occasions and was way ahead when the British fighter retired in the sixth with an injured right hand.

Luigi Lucini won handily from the smart Ghanaian bantam, Benny Lee, over 8 and Benito Michelon made hard work of outscoring a docile Luigi Napoleoni in a cruiser 8.

Carmelo Bossi hammered out a points win over Jacinto Amorim of Brazil in a welter figure 8 and Oggiano won from Fontana in a welter sixth.

▸ **COLOGNE, Germany**—Max Resch, 163, went down with colors flying in his rousing battle with Jupp Elze, 160. He met Elze's furious attacks with brilliant combinations of blows and often had the younger man sagging at the knees. He made the mistake of allowing Elze to recover each time, however, and by the sixth, was out of gas and sank exhausted to the boards for "8." A moment later he was floored again and midway through the count, the ref halted the contest.

Rudi Nehring reversed a previous defeat by outscoring Michel Diouf, 168, over 8 rounds and

Boualem Belouard, 128, was upset by fast scoring Isidro Bergua of Spain, 133, who brilliantly outpointed the Algerian over 8 rounds.

Horst Borzoskowski, 163, battled to a draw with Reinhard Dampmann over 6 rounds, Karl Furcht, 132, won over 8 rounds from the Spanish champion, Miguel Calderin, who was often warned for butting.

Willi Niederau, 159, outsped Manfred Hass to win over 8 rounds. Attendance, 2000.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—José Robledo retained the Catalan flyweight title by outpointing Tormo over ten rounds whilst Juan Cabrera forced Leopoldo Escuin to retire in the fourth round of a welter clash.

▸ **RENNES, France**—Paul Roux, on the downgrade in his last bouts, hit rock bottom in his title defense against Bernard Quellier, a fragile fighter with a dynamic right hand. Quellier survived the champion's attacks and landed his big punch in the eleventh round, inflicting on Roux his first knockout defeat.

▸ **PARIS**—At the Sports Palace— Sugar Ray Robinson surpassed himself in the return clash with Armand Vannucci, who went all out for a knockout win in the first round. Robbie took quite a leathering from the strong Corsican, but survived thanks to his swift reactions and footwork. Vannucci fractured a bone in the left hand, wound up honorable loser after ten rounds. Yves Desmarets won over Jean Renard in a feathers ten.

▸ **LAUSANNE, Switzerland**—Three Italians were defeated here, Giuseppe Bruni retiring in the fourth against flyweight Paul Chervet, Osvaldo Maffeis also striking his colors in the fourth due to a damaged left hand against bantam Fritz Chervet. Angelo Straccia was stopped in five rounds by the Spaniard, Lafuente Paya, due to a cut eye.

▸ **HELSINKI, Finland** — Risto Luukkonen was awarded the decision over Ben Ali and thus took over the European bantam title. The referee's verdict caused wild outbreaks in the Spanish corner and an ugly scene was prevented. In fact, Ben Ali didn't do much until the eighth, mostly slapping with the inside of the glove.

Pekka Kokkonen engaged in a hard slam with Ray Cillien, Luxembourg, in the opening round but in the second landed his right and Cillien went down for count.

Mauri Backman had no trouble in outpointing strong Alberto Alsinet of Spain in a welter 8 and Jarmo Bergloef whipped Michel Bisseux of France in a welter six. Olli Maeki knocked out Gerard Gartner, French lightweight, in the eighth round.

▸ **TOURS, France**—Lion Ven, the Belgian heavyweight, won in his first bout abroad, defeating Joseph Juvillier over ten rounds.

Raton Osuna returned to action with a win over Jean-Claude Pichard in a flyweight ten.

▸ **BOLOGNA, Italy**—At the Sports Palace—Bruno Santini made short work of Billy De Priest, knocking out the lanky G.I. in the second round after handing out a belting in the first.

Alfredo Parmeggiani was lucky to get the verdict over Jan De Vos, damaging both hands during the fourth round. De Vos boxed well, Parmeggiani was given the decision after 8 rounds. welters.

Vittorio Saraudi dropped Gerd Englbrecht, German cruiser, with a hook to the chin in the opening round. Englbrecht struck his head on the floor and was out for over a minute. Mazzacurati won from La Rosa in a bantam six.

▸ **PARIS**—At the Central—J. C. Jouoaudin drew with Antoine Licausi in a feathers 8, Desprogest trimmed Bouazziz in a bantam six.

▸ **DUNKIRK**—A lightweight tourney took place, with Luigi Braccini stopping German Cerda in 2, Silveer beating Talki, Corroyez winning from Alain and Vasseur checking Michel Lutsen in 4, all 6-rounders.

▸ **ROME**—At the Sports Palace—15,000 spectators came to watch how Nino Benvenuti would deal with Teddy Wright, an excellent piece of matchmaking. Wright opened a nasty cut over Nino's right eye in the first round. The injury transformed Benvenuti into a fighting fury. Wright won the third round and made it even in 3 rounds.

The remaining sessions were dominated by the tigerish Benvenuti, who won the bitter duel by a clear margin.

Salvatore Burruni put paid to the Mexican, Chilango Gomez, who was knocked out in the fourth after a game fight.

Two national stars met with defeat. Valerio Nunez, Argentina's gift to Italian boxing, was crushed by Aissa Hashas. He was knocked flying by a right hook in the first round. Nunez never got into the picture and after a knockdown in the fifth, the ref stopped the bout, just as Valerio's corner threw in the sponge.

Tommaso Truppi, middles prospect, was ahead on points when a right bounced off his chin in the fifth round, thrown by veteran globetrotter Sugar Boy Nando of Surinam, and it was all over.

Antonio Bocchetta stopped Michele Amatucci in the sixth session of a cruiser brawl and Domenico Orma won from Romano Rubini in a welter six.

▸ **GENOA, Italy**—Fortunato Manca was taken the distance by Robert Brysse, Belgian welter champion, in a one-sided welter 8 prior to his trip to Argentina. Felice Becco gained a biased decision over José Dos Santos of Brazil in a feathers 8 and Agostino stopped Rozzi in the sixth round of a welter bout.

Souleymane Diallo (left) took a big step upwards in his quest of world recognition by pounding out a ten round decision over Don Fullmer in Paris. Diallo was in command from the opening gong.

▸ **DORTMUND, Germany**—Peter Gumpert, 178, has apparently regained his former prowess as he demonstrated against Daniel Leuillier, 170, a tough Frenchman who lasted the distance with Ballarin. Gumpert slowed his opponent with heavy body smashes, and dropped Leuillier in the second round. In the third, the visitor was counted out, claiming a foul.

Dieter Hein, 165, dropped Rolf Peters three times in the second round, the third was for keeps. Kurt Ströer, 177, drew in 6 rounds with Horst Benedens and Werner Mundt, 151, outboxed Mohamad Mamache of Algeria in 6 rounds.

Ben Ramane of Algeria stopped Heinz Duesing in the third round of a junior middles bout. Attendance was a sparse 800.

▸ **EVEREUX, France**—Antoine Martin broke his unlucky run by defeating Paul Maolet in a feathers ten, rates now as chief challenger to Desmarets.

At **MONTARGIS**—Michel Houdeau won over Pierre Beaudmont in a lightweight 6 and Touiller flattened Francois Gérard in the final round of a welter six.

▸ **GENEVA**, Switzerland—Francois Pavilla was unexpectedly taken the distance by young Marcello Santucci, Italian welter, in a hard ten-round slam at the Sports Pavilian.

At **LA SPEZIA**—Carmelo Coscia trounced Valentino in a feathers 8 and Charles Centa, French bantam, was ruled out in the fourth heat of his bout with Toni Sassarini for unjustified retirement, when he claimed a foul and walked off in protest.

▸ **PARIS**—At the Central—Daniel Brunet was held to a draw by Armand Sylvain of Belgium in a welter 8, Pierre Minier trounced Daniel Brotin in a light-middle 8 and Jean Leprael won from Gomez Acebo of Spain in a lightie six.

▸ **DIFFERDINGEN, Luxembourg**—Ray Philippe, the Grand Duchy's middleweight, had a rematch with Marc Desfourneaux of France and this time soundly thrashed the visitor over ten rounds.

▸ **RIMINI, Italy**—A fortnight after the Philippe fracas, Desfourneaux hopped down here to test out Luciano Lugli and gamely soaked up a pasting from the hard-hitting local in an 8-rounder. Roberto Alpi won clearly from Georges Sablier of France in a welter 8.

▸ **SANTA CRUZ, Spain**—Sombrita Albornoz won a close, hard-fought ten against Franco Caruso of Italy but the verdict was so disputed that a rematch has been arranged.

▸ **CARRARA, Italy**—Locorotondo won an 8-round slugfest from Gabanetti in a junior middles slam and Vantaggioli obliged Orsi to retire with cut eyes in the sixth round of a welter bout.

At **SENIGALLIA**—Massimox Consolati outfought Nedo Stampi in a light welter eight.

▸ **ZURICH, Switzerland**—Horst Wieczorek, a Polish middle resident in the Canton Republic, pounded out a win against Silvano Fassi of Italy over 6 rounds and Fritz Chervet trimmed Jo Peig of France in a flyweight six.

▸ **PARIS**—Souleymane Diallo moved a stage further in his quest for European honors by defeating the rather battle-scarred Don Fullmer, who proved a static target for the two-fisted attacks of Diallo.

▸ **MILAN, Italy**—At the Lido, Doug Vaillant appeared very mediocre in his bout with Sandro Lopopulo, who decisioned the Cuban over 10 rounds. The Cuban became lethargic after the fourth round and Lopopulo had no difficulty in boxing his way to victory.

Despite two trips to the canvas, Piero del Papa achieved a draw with Sixto "Kid" Rodriguez in a cruiser 8 and dynamic Luciano Piazzo stopped Gomez da Sylva of Brazil in the seventh round of a welter scrap.

Renato Galli won in convincing style over Giancarlo Casti in a feathers 8 and Vito della Foglio trounced Bartaloni in a welter six.

▸ **SASSARI, Italy**—Salvatore Burruni, Europe's busiest champion ever, was in action again, Alex O'Neil of Ireland was the latest victim. The Irishman had hoped to nab Burruni early on but Burruni, usually a slow starter, got going straight away and never gave O'Neil much chance. The ref stopped the bout in the fifth when the lad from the Emerald Isle was in a bad way.

Carmelo Chessa won an unpopular decision over DiPaolo in a lightweight 8 and Francesco Fiori had little trouble in defeating veteran Gino Rossi in a middles 8.

Giovanni Carboni beat Michele La Rosa, who was ruled out in the fifth heat of their flyweight scrap for repeated fouls.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(UP TO JANUARY 21, 1964)

HEAVIES
1. Karl Mildenberger (G)
2. Wim Snoek (H)
3. Sante Amonti (I)
4. Gerhard Zech (G)
5. Piero Tomasoni (I)
6. Benito Canal (S)
7. Benito Penna (I)
8. Giuseppe Migliari (I)
9. Albert Westphal (G)
10. Ulli Ritter (G)

CRUISERS
1. Giulio Rinaldi (I)
2. Gustav Scholz (G)
3. Erich Schoeppner (G)
4. Yvan Prebeg (Y)
5. Pekka Kokkonen (FN)
6. Piero Del Papa (I)
7. Paul Roux (F)
8. Germinal Ballarin (F)
9. Leen Jansen (H)
10. Peter Gumpert (G)

MIDDLES
1. Laszlo Papp (HY)
2. Nino Benvenuti (I)
3. Luis Folledo (S)
4. Souleymane Diallo (F)
5. Armand Vannucci (F)
6. Emile Saerens (B)
7. Heini Meinhardt (G)
8. Jupp Elze (G)
9. Bo Hoegberg (SW)
10. Yolande Leveque (F)

JUNIOR MIDDLES
1. Sandro Mazzinghi (I)
2. Fabio Bettini (I)
3. Bruno Visintin (I)
4. Peter Mueller (G)
5. Carmelo Bossi (I)
6. Willi Niederau (G)
7. Jan De Vos (H)
8. Joaquin Riquelme (S)
9. Stefan Redl (G)
10. Klaus Klein (G)

BANTAMS
1. Risto Luukkonen (FN)
2. Mimun Ben Ali (S)
3. Piero Rollo (I)
4. Alphonse Halimi (F)
5. Giuseppe Linzalone (I)
6. Luigi Lucini (I)
7. Nevio Carbi (I)
8. Federico Scarponi (I)
9. Jean Parra (F)
10. Pierre Vetroff (F)

WELTERS
1. Fortunato Manca (I)
2. Claude Saluden (F)
3. Jean Josselin (F)
4. Francois Pavilla (F)
5. Chris Christensen (D)
6. Mauri Backman (FN)
7. Maurice Auzel (F)
8. Luciano Piazza (I)
9. Domenico Tiberia (I)
10. Marcello Santucci (I)

LIGHT WELTERS
1. Conny Rudhof (G)
2. Sandro Lopopulo (I)
3. Fred Galiana (S)
4. Fernand Nollet (F)
5. Efram Donati (I)
6. Massimo Consolati (I)
7. Vicente Ferrando (S)
8. Luigi Caruso (I)
9. Piero Brandi (I)
10. Luigi Castoldi (I)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Salvatore Burruni (I)
2. Rene Libeer (F)
3. Pierre Rossi (F)
4. Kamara Diop (F)
5. Jean Claude Leroy (F)
6. Giovanni Carboni (I)
7. Giuseppe Cali (I)
8. Luis Rodriguez (S)
9. Tommaso Galli (I)
10. Gerd Berkhout (H)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Aissa Hashas (F)
2. Giordano Campari (I)
3. Willi Quatuor (G)
4. Franco Brondi (I)
5. Michele Gullotti (I)
6. Juan Albornoz (S)
7. Leon Zadourian (F)
8. Olli Maeki (FN)
9. Teddy Lassen (D)
10. Maurice Tavant (F)

FEATHERS
1. Lino Mastellaro (I)
2. Yves Desmarets (F)
3. Jean Renard (B)
4. Mario Sitri (I)
5. Antoine Martin (F)
6. Rene Barriere (F)
7. Alberto Serti (I)
8. Jose Biescas (S)
9. Renato Galli (I)
10. Felice Becco (I)

LEGEND: B Belgiam; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.

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OHIO BOXING NEWS
By Eddie Schauer

▶ Akron continues to lead the state in number of boxing shows presented. The last card at the Armory drew 1900 fans, who came to see Amos Johnson score an unexciting victory over Willie Besmanoff . . . Willie, who had been stopped eight days earlier by Bob Foster in Norfolk, Virginia, provided only a token resistance to Johnson, who also was seeking to get back in the "win" column after suffering his first defeat at the hands of Billy Joiner earlier in the month. After Besmanoff was dropped to the canvas three times in the sixth round, referee Tony Chudick called a halt. Willie's weight was announced as 205 and Johnson's as 195.

The match of the evening was the semi-final with young up-and-coming Fate Davis facing Cecil Shorts in what proved to be a honey of a battle. Davis, who packs a potent wallop, added Shorts to his list of victims when the veteran was disqualified in the ninth round. This was an unfortunate ending to what had been a hard and exciting battle.

The dynamic Davis dropped the Clevelander in the first round with a hard right and had him staggering badly. Up to the seventh round the fight had a definite pattern. Cecil's combinations and better boxing gave him the edge over the less experienced Akronite, who confined most of his punching to single shots.

Round five was one of Short's best. He landed a series of whistling right hands and some jolting uppercuts that snapped Fate's head back like a whip. Surviving this barrage, Davis began to move into the lead. Shorts dropped Fate with a smashing right hand in the seventh only to have the bell interrupt. In the eighth as Davis opened up Shorts threw another bomb below the belt dropping Fate at the gong, his second low punch in that round.

The bell for the ninth saw Davis roar out with vengeance and begin to batter Shorts from pillar to post with Cecil desperately trying to clamp a clinch on. Shorts then lashed out a hard right that landed far low again and folded the Rubber City battler to the deck . . . Referee Tony Chudick immediately stopped the bout and disqualified Shorts on the grounds of deliberately fouling. . . . The time was 1:49 of the ninth round. Davis weighed 150½ to Short's 148.

Mac Harrison, 200, won on a TKO over Gene Hunt, 195, who couldn't get up enough steam to come out for the third round. James Twyman, 130, unleased a whirlwind attack and stopped Bobby Parnell, 131, in 2:55 of the first round. Twyman is a fine prospect.

Harold Combs, 162, engaged Clarence Alford, 168, in a four round exhibition bout.

Billy Joiner stands as Ohio's leading heavyweight. The Cincinnati lad is a fellow to keep an eye on. In whipping Amos Johnson last month, Billy breezed through ten rounds like a real vet, although this was only his third bout . . . Joiner won 86 of 92 amateur bouts, was the 1962 Golden Glove Champion, and the National A.A.U. champion of the same year. His first pro bout was at Madison Square Garden where he KO'ed Julie Dickens. Next he T.K.O.'ed dangerous Marion Connors in five and now a ten round win over Amos Johnson.

Bobby Bush, Denver Colorado manager has relocated in Northeastern Ohio and plans to promote boxing shows there . . . Tom Carney, who for a quarter of a century has ran the Youngstown Golden Glove Tournaments, has finally "hung them up." Carney started the G.G.s in the Ohio Steel City back in 1927 and headed the same ever since. Taking his place is Ray DePaul, a capable man indeed.

Two Ohio bantamweights were big hits when they staged a real war on National TV as the standby bout when Hurricane Carter stopped Emile Griffith in one round in Pittsburg. Tommy Fix of Shelby, Ohio, dropped a nod to Billy Smith of Steubenville but lost no friends. He made the writer proud as I have sung the praises of little Tommy for a long time. Now he had a chance to prove what I have been saying about him.

▶ Ronny Delaney has been doing some of the refereeing chores in Akron, Ohio . . . Larry Atkins is back in the promoting seat in Cleveland.

▶ Send your ring notes to the writer at 4639 Webb Rd., Perry, Ohio.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

▶ Michigan has a new boxing commissioner in Frank A. Cavanaugh, a Detroit manufacturer's representative and a real sportsman. Frank is well known and liked by boxing and wrestling people alike. His appointment by Governor George Romney was a popular one.

At the same time, Chuck Davey, former world welterweight contender, was appointed to the commission as a board member. Davey, who since his fistic days has become a big success in the insurance field, brings to the governing board a fine background which well qualifies him for the position.

▶ One of the happiest manager's around these parts is Jim Jackson. In his role as co-manager of heavyweight Harvey Cody Jones, Jackson and his fighter have had to take a back seat to Jones' highly publicized stablemate Sonny Banks throughout his career.

Stepping in as a substitute against Jefferson Davis in the main event at the Miami Beach Auditorium, Jones dropped his opponent in the tenth and final round to earn a draw. Jones, who hadn't fought in six months, had only six days to get in shape.

▶ Henry Hank can usually be depended upon to give a pretty good account of himself. Several years back when yours truly was the matchmaker for a series of shows put on by sport Max Handler at the Cobo Hall, Hank was a picture of condition. He defeated the likes of Joey Giardello (now middleweight champion), Chic Calderwood and looked like a fighter who could have beaten anybody in the world.

Since that time Hank has tasted defeat rather frequently at the hands of Giardello in a rematch, Dick Tiger, Johnny McCormick, Eddie Cotton and now Harold Johnson. Even in losing to Johnson at Philadelphia, Hank gained the respect of the one-time lightheavy champion when Johnson elected safety first tactics to win a unanimous decision over the Detroiter. Whether it be his conditioning or what have you, the plight of Hank is a sad one when you consider he could have been one of the real great fighters of our time.

▶ Jack Seltenreich, hard nose Battle Creek promoter, offered a four bout card to his hometown fistic followers with 1,062 fans paying $1,444.68 to watch Michigan heavyweight champion Sonny Banks, of Detroit, get upset by an unknown named Lee Batts, of Philadelphia, in the ten round feature attraction. Although referee Tom Briscoe favored Banks by one point at 95-94, judges Hugh Pittman and Charles Pointer cast their votes in favor of Batts 99-96 and 96-94 respectively.

Detroit middleweight Tommy Payne disposed of a soft touch in old-timer Harry "Chico" Clay, of Battle Creek, in the third round. Bobby Bell, Detroit welterweight, also had an easy time in stopping Roy Carruthers, of Akron, in two and Tony Lopez won a middleweight four rounder over Sam Ivory.

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

Boxing has become quite popular again in Cleveland with weekly amateur boxing shows scheduled. Larry Atkins, promoter of boxing and wrestling, plans a series of professional shows starting off with a feature bout between Zora Folley and George Chuvalo. New officers of the Amateur Boxing Trainers' Association are John Giachettit, president and Chuck Clemenzo, vice president. Both are former Golden Gloves stars.

▶ Another promoter of professional shows in Cleveland is Pete Rademacher. Rademacher has staged four successful professional fights in Akron. In the last one Willie Besmanoff was stopped in six rounds by Amos Johnson of Medina, Ohio. Besmanoff retired from the ring after this bout.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—City Arena—Billy Tisdale, 178, Bridgeport, had to come from behind to win a six round feature bout decision from Angel Oquendo, 175, New York. The hard punching Oquendo upended Tisdale in the second round with a potent left hook but was unable to reach the clever Tisdale who, from the third round on, kept him off balance with a nifty left hand and sharp right hand punching.

Herb Ramsey, 160, Bridgeport, a pro boxing in the semi-pro bouts, garnered a three round decision over Sonny Pena, 159, Hoboken, N. J., by virtue of a consistent body attack. Another pro Don Raneri, 157, White Plains, N. Y., battled to a draw with Sonny Norro, 158, Bridgeport, in a three round semi-pro bout. Four other semi-pro bouts rounded out the card.

WORCESTER, Mass. — Mechanic's Hall — Joe Gomes, 158, now living in Worcester, handed Doug Clay, 157, New York, his first defeat by winning the unanimous eight round decision over him. Clay nearly scored an upset as he dropped Gomes with a sneak right hand in the first round. Gomes outfought Clay the rest of the way and nearly finished him in the final heat.

Richie Grassley, 139, Providence, edged Tommy Thibault, 143, Somerville, to win a six round split decision. Grassley got off to a big lead but tired badly.

Lanky George Carter, 158, Maguire AFB, N.J., won a rousing six round decision over Eddie Sylvia, 155, New Bedford, in a pleasing bout.

Jesse Ammons, 142, Boston, a smooth boxing newcomer, won a close split decision over Bob Stroud, 144, New Bedford, in the four round opener.

BOSTON GARDEN—Tom McNeeley, 205, Medfield, and Kolo (Duke) Sabedong, 222, Honolulu, T. H., staged their awaited rematch. Both, warned by the boxing commission, fought a clean fight or nearly so. They erred only slightly. McNeeley mauled in close allowing Sabedong no punching room and the later, softened by American living, was too feeble to keep him off. The fans booed the punchless scramble for the entire ten rounds.

The ten round semi-final between New England middleweight titlist Larry Carney, 162, Lowell, and Joe DeNucci, 165, Newton, rocking each other for ten rounds to a popular draw decision. It was a thriller from the first bell to the last and will bear a rematch.

Boston-born Tony Valenti, 159½, Medford, who has done all of his fighting heretofore on the West Coast, made his hometown debut. Vernon LaMar, 161½, Metuchen, N. J., decked him twice in the second round with overhand rights to the jaw. Valenti displayed terrific punching power as he knocked LaMar down and out with a right to the jaw at the bell ending the third round. LaMar was still out when the bell rang for the fourth heat.

Marion Conner, 169, Roxbury, won the New England lightheavyweight title from Ted Williams, 174, also Roxbury, whom he battered into helplessness in the first round. Tommy Tibbs, 133, Roxbury, stopped veteran Paddy Read, 133, Providence, in the fifth round. Read didn't appear in shape and had taken the bout as a last minute substitute.

WORCESTER—Mechanic's Hall—Billy Anderson, 139½, Doylestown, Pa., boxed smoothly and punched sharply in gaining a lopsided eight round decision from Billy Backus, 136, Canastota, N. Y. Backus, a southpaw, nailed Anderson with a sweeping left hand at the outset of the second round and dropped him. From that point on Anderson, a stylist, befuddled Backus with sharp combinations.

Jesse Ammons, 142, Boston, handed a boxing lesson to the more experienced Richie Grassley, 140, Providence, in the six round semi-final. Dick Greatorex, 220, St. Johnsbury, Vt., gave a display of power in halting Johnny Hop, 190, Boston, in the second round of a four rounder that marked the pro debut of both. Dick Gambino, 173, Providence, easily disposed of Jackie Kay, 164, Boston, in the first round.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By Ruggles Larson

BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON — Eddie Cotton returned from Detroit with the Michigan State's version of the World's Lightheavy title and immediately met Don Bale of Pocatello, Idaho, in a non-title ten rounder. Cotton made quick work of Bale by decking him three times in the second round, forcing referee Bernie Reynolds to halt the affair.

Bale, who's been an in and outer in P.N.W. rings for the past years, lacked the equipment and skill to meet the ringwise Cotton. Eddie looked sharp, as usual, and had things pretty much his own way.

Eddie scaled 173½ lbs., and Don 176.

In the eight round semi-final, Greatest Crawford, 175 lbs., Tacoma via Brooklyn, scored a unanimous decision over Sid Carter, 174 lbs., Seattle, Wash. This was their third meeting, with each boy holding a previous win over the other.

In the six round special event, veteran Ernie Gipson, 162, Seattle, won a unanimous decision over Mike Tunney, 158, Portland, Oregon. Ernie had too much experience for the young Portlander.

Four rounder: Sylvester Carter, 179, Seattle, snapped the undefeated record of J. R. Strohl, 181, Puyallup, at one bout by handing him a second round t.k.o. After an even first round Strohl caught a right hand on the nose which started it bleeding and the referee intervened.

The card drew 1,451 fans.

▸ Dick Pruett, 1961 Tacoma Golden Gloves heavy champ, who turned down attractive professional offers, is now teaching and coaching at Puyallup High School.

▸ Walt Hailey, ex-Marine Corp Champ, who has a pro record of six wins and one loss, has transferred from Seattle to the New Orleans Boeing Aircraft Co. where he hopes to resume his boxing career.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS

By Harlan Haas

Corpus Christi, Texas, Jack Irwin, Promoter. Promoter Jack Irwin, the Corpus fistic empresario, brought stiff punching Marshall Wells of Houston back to face Mexican importation Rudolfo Diaz Hernandez on December 11, and the rock fisted Texan ended hostilities in the second round with a barrage of punches. Wells scaled 150, his foe 149. Steve Freeman, 127, Lake Jackson, stopped game, aggressive Jesse Alaniz, 133, Houston, in the seventh round on cuts. It was the second meeting of the pair with the first encounter ending in the same manner. Tommy "Hurricane" Sims, 179, Houston, continued his winning ways by proving a bit too much for George Price, 170, Houston, to handle in a wild six rounder. It marked the fifth victory, against the one loss to Freddy Little, and a 10-round draw with Texas lightheavy champ Benny Bowser, for the rejuvenated "Hurricane". Elmo Henderson, 162, Corpus Christi, proved once more that he is an extremely dangerous man for youngsters when he iced Carlton Bell, 162, Houston, in the very first round. Seveo Balboa, 140½ beat Joe Hernandez, 143, in the four round opener.

San Antonio, Texas, Tony Padilla, Promoter. Luis Leija, 119, San Antonio, got the nod over Juan Perrin Saldivar, 115, Mexico, in ten rounds. Porfirio Zamora, 131½, decisioned tough little Beldon Paton, 133, in a second ten. Gil Tapia, 140, and Bobby Garza, 139, a couple of ten year vets fought to a six-round draw. Garcia Mendez, 135, kayoed Joe Hernandez, 138, in the second.

Austin, Texas, Jesse Root, Jr., Promoter. Manuel Tarazon, 125, surprised with a three round knockout of Paul Alba, 126, and the pair have been rematched as we go to press. Frank Duran, 124, stowed away Gary Morones, Hernandez, 123, in the fifth. Tall Richard Medrano, 137, edged Pedro Aceves, 136, in a four rounder Sam Gray, 144, and Joe Hernandez, 145, fought to a four round draw. Virgilio Garcia, 154, stopped roly poly Pete Herrera, 157, one time featherweight, in the second.

Odds and Ends: Three tremendous young fighters to watch closely during 1964—heavyweight Irish Jimmy Manahan, welterweight Frankie Garza, and lightweight Freddy Mills. All three are unbeaten as 1963 ends. Manahan is 7-0, Garza is 9-0, Mills 2-0. Each is a product of the Golden Gloves. Manahan has cleverness, and a powerful left hook. He is the 1963, Houston lightheavy GG champ, who now carriers 189 lbs. on a lanky 6-2 frame since drawing his first paycheck as a money battler last March. Garza, a four time Regional GG champ who is the only amateur to ever win the coveted Elby Pettaway three times, is one of the most exciting slam bang prelim scrappers the writer has seen in many a moon—in the fight man's language "Garza comes to fight." Mills has everything it takes to go all the way—cleverness, ruggedness, and punching power. He's a former Mid-South amateur champ, and unless the writer is sadly mistaken, he'll become a real topnotcher . . . Al Swiderski, a tough lightheavy out of Las Vegas, a recent Houston visitor along with his new bride. Jimmy Murray, local fight man, may bring Al back later to do some fighting.

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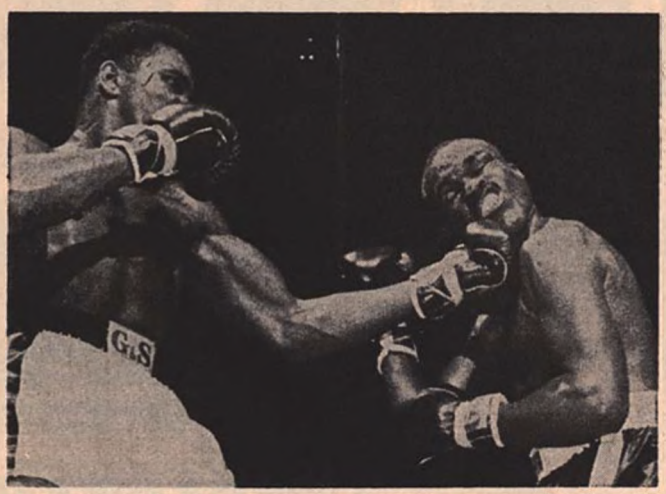

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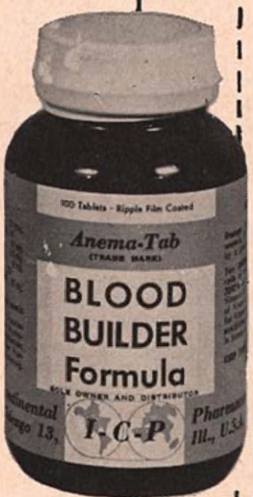

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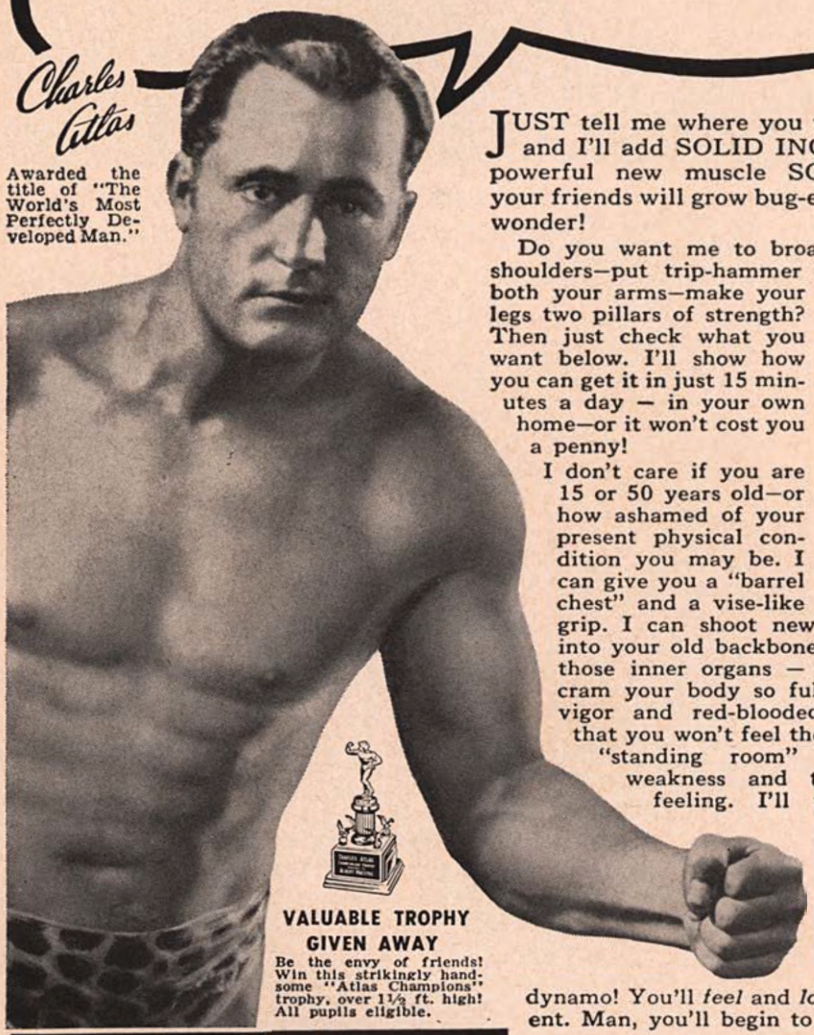

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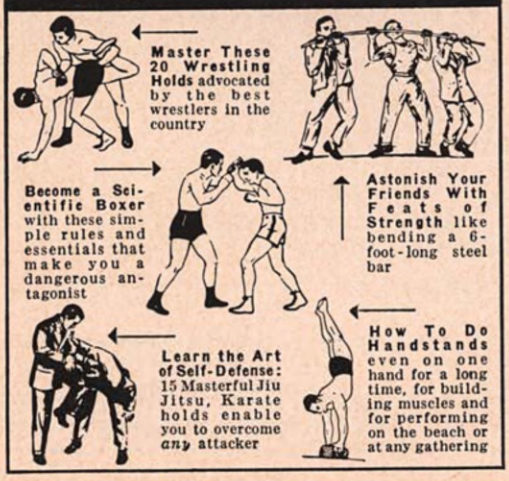

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